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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HALLS DEBRIS BASIN - PARCEL 12**  
**GRANT OF EASEMENT - CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE**  
**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5**  
**3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), consider the enclosed Mitigated Negative Declaration, including comments received during the public review process, which was prepared and adopted by the City of La Canada Flintridge (City); find that the granting of the recommended easements are within the scope of the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5 project; find that the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5 project will not have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the County; and approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, consider and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program (included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration), which was prepared and adopted by the City as a condition of the project to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment.

3. Find that the proposed grant of an easement for a sewer line and ingress and egress within Halls Debris Basin, Parcel 12, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the City, and the City's subsequent use of said easements, will not interfere with the use of the Halls Debris Basin for any District purpose.
4. Approve the grant of an easement for a sewer line (4,124 square feet) and ingress and egress (9,781 square feet) from the District to the City within Halls Debris Basin, Parcel 12, for \$30,500. The parcel is located northeasterly of the intersection of Rosebank Drive and Tulip Tree Lane in the City of La Canada Flintridge.
5. Instruct the Chair to sign the enclosed Easement document and authorize delivery to the Grantee.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action will allow the District to grant an easement for sewer line and ingress and egress purposes in Halls Debris Basin, Parcel 12, to the City. The City requested the easement in connection with the construction of its sewer collection system project. The granting of this easement is not considered adverse to the District's purposes. Moreover, the instrument reserves paramount rights for the District's interest.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The revenue from this transaction will be used for flood control purposes.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The \$30,500 proposed selling price represents the market value of the easement. This amount has been paid and deposited into the Flood Control District Fund.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The granting of this easement will not hinder the use of the debris basin for possible transportation, utility, or recreational corridors. The enclosed Easement has been approved by County Counsel and will be recorded.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 15, 2003, the City, as the lead agency, circulated a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5 project in accordance with CEQA requirements. The mitigation measures included in the CEQA documents for the project specifically address cultural resources, geology/soils, hydrology/water quality, and transportation/traffic. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that the project with the proposed mitigation measures will not have a significant effect on the environment. The public comment period did not raise significant environmental issues with the project; therefore, the City finalized and adopted the Negative Declaration on July 7, 2003.

On July 11, 2003, the City filed a Notice of Determination for the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5 project in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

Under CEQA, the County is a responsible agency whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order for the City to carry out the project. As a responsible agency, your Board must consider and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared by the City before the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5 project is approved and the recommended easement is granted.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

### **CONCLUSION**

Enclosed are an original and duplicate of the Easement document. Please have the original and duplicate signed by the Chair and acknowledged by the Executive Officer of the Board. Please return the executed original to Public Works and retain the duplicate for your files.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)  
Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel



November 2002

**La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System – Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5  
Draft Initial Study, Environmental Checklist and  
Mitigated Negative Declaration**

**State Clearinghouse No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Attachments**

- Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, January 14, 2000.
- Memorandum to Dean Sherer, Principal Planner, Willdan from Dave Hayes, Consulting Arborist, Willdan, October 29, 2002.

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1.	<b>Project Title:</b>	La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System – Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5
2.	<b>Lead Agency Name and Address:</b>	City of La Cañada Flintridge 1327 Foothill Boulevard La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011-2137
3.	<b>Contact Person and Phone Number:</b>	Mr. Steve Castellanos Public Works Director 818-790-8880
4.	<b>Project Location:</b>	City of La Cañada Flintridge Los Angeles County
5.	<b>Project Sponsor's Name and Address:</b>	City of La Cañada Flintridge 1327 Foothill Boulevard La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011-2137
6.	<b>General Plan Designations:</b>	Commercial/Office; Public Facilities; Public Schools; Very Low Density Residential; Low Density Residential; Medium Density Residential; Private Open Space; Private School; Institutional
7.	<b>Zoning:</b>	CPD (Community Planned Development); R-1-20,000; R-1-15,000; R-1-10,000; R-1-7,500; R-1-5,000; RPD-40,000; PS(Public/Semi Public)
8.	<b>Surrounding Land Uses and Settings:</b>	

The City's total population as of 2000 was 20,318 residents. Over 90 percent of the City's developed land consists of single-family residences, most of which are located on large (one-quarter acre or more) lots. Local commercial land uses include a variety of businesses (commercial retail and office uses) located adjacent to Foothill Boulevard which is the main commercial thoroughfare in the City. There are no major industrial uses within the community. The largest institutional use within the City is the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) located on the City's eastern edge. Growth within the community in recent years has been limited primarily to the creation of small subdivisions, residential infill, and the recycling of uses along Foothill Boulevard.

La Cañada Flintridge is one of the few communities within the greater Los Angeles region which is almost fully developed, yet still primarily relies on septic systems for sewage disposal. According to the 2000 housing count, 6,989 homes are in this area. Of these, 2,218 units are served by a central



sewage system provided in Areas 1 and 2. Many of the systems outside this service area are aged and failing. Numerous complaints of septic overflows and failures are received and verified annually by the La Cañada Flintridge Department of Public Works. Reports of residential septic system failures and un-permitted discharges from illegal hookups and surface disposal of gray water are also received on a regular basis (averaging one to two complaints per week, with increases during rainy weather).

Sanitary and public health concerns arise from the aforementioned improper disposal methods. For example, drinking water supplies are endangered when sewage collects around water lines. High groundwater can cause septic tank effluent to come into contact with water lines. Under these conditions, should the water system develop a leak and a pressure drop suddenly occur, sewage could then contaminate the main line supplying water to La Cañada Flintridge residents. These situations also may provide to the general populace accessibility or direct contact to wastewater and raw sewage, as well as exposure to insects, rodents, pests, and other possible carriers of communicable diseases that may come into contact with drinking water.

Prior to 1999, sanitary sewers served only a small portion of the City of La Cañada Flintridge. In 1997, with the successful implementation of funding from the State Water Resources Control Board through the SRF loan program, the City began to make a sanitary sewer collection system available to its residents, starting with service to 893 residences, twelve commercial properties, 4 schools and a church parcel. As of October 2002, construction began on Area 2 of the sanitary sewer collection system. When construction for all areas ends, on or about June of 2008, an estimated 5,642 single-family and 27 multi-family residential properties and 106 commercial properties will be served by the completed sanitary sewer collection system. Maintenance requirements and overflow of private sanitary systems will be reduced if not eliminated.

La Cañada Flintridge is serviced by the following local and county sanitation districts:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Sanitation District/Agency</u>
Areas 1 and 2	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Area 3A	Crescenta Valley Water District
Area 3B	County Sanitation District
Area 4	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
	Crescenta Valley Water District
Area 5	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
	Crescenta Valley Water District
	City of Glendale
	City of Pasadena

In March of 1992, the City of La Cañada Flintridge approved two major projects in an effort to improve sewage disposal in the City. The projects (La Cañada Water Reclamation Plan Outfall and Foothill Main Sewer Projects) included the construction of an outfall from the La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant to the Oak Grove Drive Sewer to deliver sludge, excess effluent, and effluent by-pass to the Joint Outfall System which is the regional sewerage system serving greater Los Angeles County and which currently encompasses fifteen sanitation districts. The other component of the project was construction of a gravity sewer main along Foothill Boulevard to service La Cañada Flintridge Foothill Boulevard commercial uses and to provide the backbone sewer for a future local collection system. The local collection system for Areas 3A and 3B, 4 and 5 (see Exhibits 4 and 5) is the subject of this environmental initial study.

## 9. Description of Project

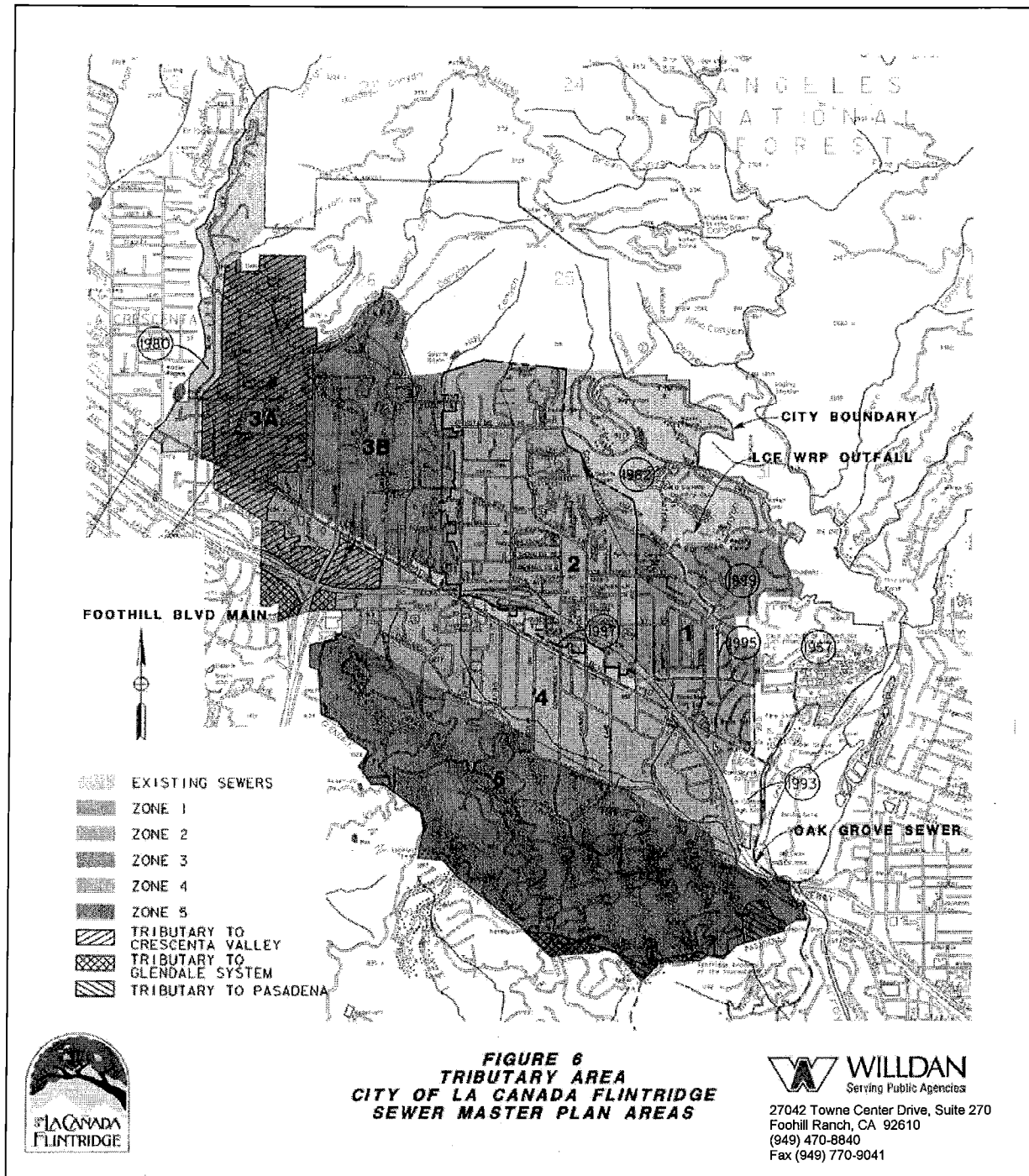
### INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The project consists of the financing and construction of the final four areas (Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5) of a sewer collection system to serve the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The sewer collection system proposed to serve Areas 3A and 3B is bounded generally on the north by Webber Canyon, on the east by La Cañada Boulevard, on the south by Foothill Boulevard, and on the west by Ocean View Boulevard. The sewer collection system proposed to serve Areas 4 and 5 is bounded generally on the north by Foothill Boulevard, on the east by the Foothill (210) Freeway and La Cañada High School, on the south by the City's southerly boundary, and on the west by Ocean View Boulevard and Crescent Avenue.

As previously indicated, the proposed sewer collection system within Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5 would connect to either the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles' trunk sewer lines or the Crescenta Valley Water District trunk sewer lines with properties in Area 5 also using sewer lines connecting to either City of Glendale or City of Pasadena sewer facilities. The project would allow the affected properties to abandon their septic systems and be serviced by the Joint Outfall System (JOS). The first steps towards implementing an area-wide sewer improvement system were accomplished with the construction of a new water reclamation facility, the La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant (LCFWRP), the installation of a gravity main sewer in Foothill Boulevard that connects to the County's outfall treatment system, and sewer system installation in Area 1.

The sewer collection system serving parcels within an area bounded by the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club on the north, Foothill Boulevard on the south, Gould Avenue on the west, and Viro Road and Starlight Crest on the east have already been completed (Zone 1). The sewer collection system serving parcels within an area bounded generally by Foothill Boulevard and the Foothill (210) Freeway on the south, La Cañada Boulevard on the west, and Gould Avenue on the east (Zone 2) is under construction. **(See Exhibit 1 – Project Location)**

## Exhibit 1 - Project Location Map



## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM - AREAS 3A AND 3B**

Sanitary Sewer Project No. 3 is separated into two distinct geographic areas, Sewer Project Areas 3A and 3B. **(See Exhibit 2.)** The general boundary of Sewer Project Area Nos. 3A and 3B is north of Foothill Boulevard between La Cañada Boulevard on the east and Ocean View Boulevard on the west. Sewer Project Area 3A includes sewer improvements that, by topography, will flow into the Crescenta Valley Water District located west of North Palm Drive. Sewer Project Area 3B includes sewer improvements that will flow into the Los Angeles County Sanitation District facilities. Preliminary engineering and design shows the project involves the construction of approximately 100,000 feet of mainline these sewer mains and 48,000 feet of service laterals. The depth of the sanitary sewer system will vary from 8 feet up to 20 feet and portions of the sewer improvements will be installed within a jacked 30-inch steel casing. Construction of the sewers at these depths will help minimize the number of pump stations and minimize the use of private sewer grinder pumps for individual homes. However, two lift stations and 33 grinder pumps are anticipated to be required.

There are several existing sewer easements within Sewer Project Area 3. Where feasible, these easements will be utilized. However, some of the existing easements do not meet the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works minimum width requirement of 10 feet. Based on the current preliminary design, permanent easements will be required from approximately 300 separate properties. Final locations will be determined as part of the final design.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM - AREAS 4 AND 5**

The general boundary of Sewer Project Area Nos. 4 and 5 is described as the area bounded by Foothill Boulevard to the north from Briggs Avenue on the west, along Foothill Boulevard continuing easterly along the 210 Freeway the easterly City limit boundary line, then along the southerly City limit boundary, excluding an Open Space area, continuing westerly to Briggs Avenue. **(See Exhibit 3.)** Sewer Project Area 4 and 5 includes satellite areas that, by topography, flow into the Crescenta Valley Water District, City of Glendale and City of Pasadena sewer facilities, and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District facilities. The dividing line between Areas 4 and 5 is located along Descanso Drive and West Berkshire Avenue.

The Sewer Master Plan prepared for areas 4 and 5 estimates that the project involves the construction of approximately 128,000 feet of mainline sewer mains and 48,000 feet of service laterals. It is anticipated that bedrock will be encountered within portions of Area 4 and within the majority of Area 5. The depth of the sanitary sewer system will vary from 8 feet up to 20 feet and portions of sewer improvements will be installed within a jacked 30-inch steel casing. Construction of the sewers at these depths will help minimize the number of pump stations and minimize the use of private sewer grinder pumps for individual homes. However, 8 small lift stations and 1 large pump station will still be required. In addition, a minimum hundred private grinder pumps will be required.

The total sewer collection system constructed during this final phase, including Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5, will consist of approximately 228,000 linear feet of main lines and 96,000 linear feet of service lateral lines to collect wastewater from approximately 3,424 single-family homes, ten schools, 90 commercial properties, five churches, one recreational club/lodge, one recreational auditorium/stadium and one institutional home for the aged. **(See Table 1.)** The main lines will be constructed in the public streets, with laterals to each parcel's property line, and will convey sewage to the La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant Outfall and Foothill Main sewer lines. Trenching would remove and refill about 200,000 cubic yards of soil. Approximately 48,000 cubic yards of additional imported backfill would be needed. In addition, an estimated 100,000 cubic yards of rock will be removed during trenching and will be exported. Typically, the contractor is required to handle these exports and they are expected to be reused in other projects.

## La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Initial Study- Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5



LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
CALIFORNIA  
SANITARY SEWER  
IMPROVEMENTS

DISTRICT AREAS 4 & 5

JULY 2002

LEGEND

PROPOSED SEWER

EXISTING SEWER

PROPOSED PUMP STATION

PROPOSED PUMP STATION

ADJACENT PLOT

AREA BOUNDARY

CITY BOUNDARY

STREET NAME

STREAM

OUTFALL TO CITY OF INGLEWOOD

OUTFALL TO CITY OF GLENDALE

OUTFALL TO CREEK VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLAN

SCALE: 1"=500'

0' 10' 20' 30' 40' 50'

Property owners will be able to abandon their septic systems and construct a lateral from their houses to their property lines. The abandoned septic tanks would remain in place but the cesspits would require backfilling at the time the property goes on line with the new sewer system.

An estimated ten sewer lift stations would be required to pump sewage to trunk sewer lines when the trunk line is at a higher elevation than the property and gravity flow is not a feasible option. These lift stations would be underground facilities accessed through steel panels located in parkways where possible. Each lift station would require a control box about nine feet wide, six feet high and three feet deep which would also be placed within the parkway. The lift stations would be replaced where possible with "jacked pipes." These would carry sewage by gravity across land owned privately or by another public agency down to a trunk sewer rather than lifting sewage by pumping up to a trunk sewer. Such a replacement would require easements to be obtained from the property owners. This work is planned in eight areas, each area corresponding to a construction phase, as described in Table 1 below:

**TABLE 1**  
**Land Uses in Sewer Construction Phase Areas**

Area	Land Use							
	Single Family Residential	Multi-Family Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Schools	Recreational	Institutional	Churches
1 <sup>1</sup>	893		12		4			1
2 <sup>1</sup>	1,325		4		2 1 library	1 club/lodge		
3A	600	20 <sup>2</sup>	9		1			
3B	973	7	0		1			2
4	1,081		81		8	1 auditorium /stadium	1 home for the aged	
5	770					1 club/lodge		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16 (+1)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup>It should be noted that the environmental documentation for the proposed sewer construction in Area 1 and Area 2 has been completed. This Environmental Initial Study addresses Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5 only.

<sup>2</sup>Vacant Lots – 4 (3A), 11 (3B)

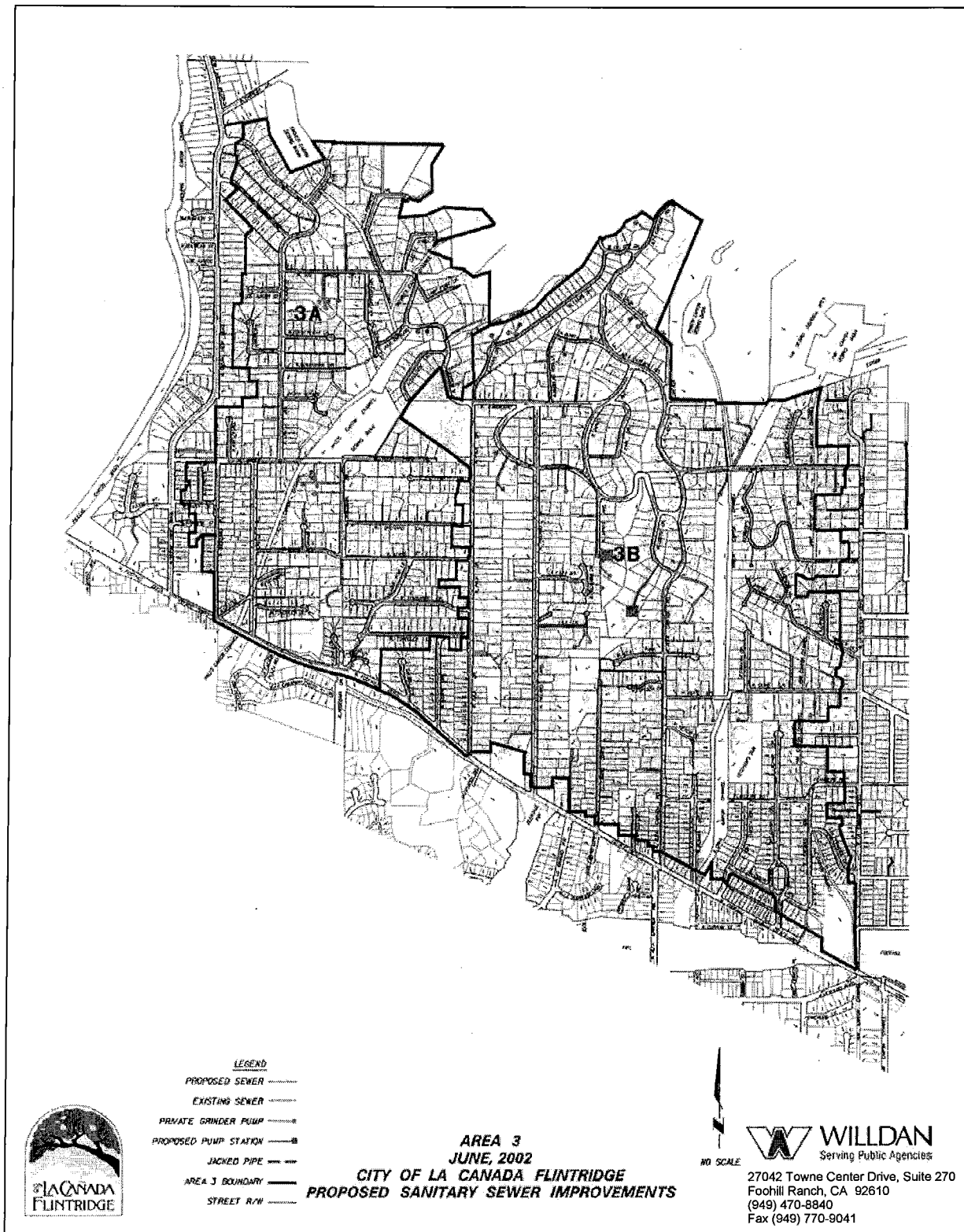
A tentative project schedule has been developed for the six sewer project areas as shown in Table 2 below:

**TABLE 2**  
**Tentative Project Schedule**

Area	Estimated Construction Dates
Area 1	Notice of Completion issued October 1999
Area 2	October 2002 – April 2005
Area 3A	January 2004-July 2006
Area 3B	January 2004-July 2006
Area 4	January 2005-July 2007
Area 5	January 2006 - July 2008

**Exhibit 4** indicates the location of the proposed sewer lines in Areas 3A and 3B. **Exhibit 5** indicates the proposed location of sewer lines in Areas 4 and 5.

# Exhibit 4 – Proposed Sewer Lines - Areas 3A and 3B





LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
CALIFORNIA  
SANITARY SEWER  
IMPROVEMENTS  
DISTRICT AREAS 4 & 5  
JULY 2002

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- PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER
- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
- PRIVATE GRAVEL PIT
- PROPOSED PUMP STATION
- AREA FIVE
- AREA BOUNDARY
- CITY BOUNDARY
- STREET MAP
- SCHEMA
- CITY OF PASADENA
- CITY OF GLENDALE
- CITY OF GLENDALE

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SCALE: 1" = 400'  
JULY 2002

## **Anticipated Capacity – Flows and Loadings**

The project's design is intended to meet current and future demands. The Design of the proposed project will be based on the estimated capacities and loading flow figures determined by sewer flow rate calculations, included in the Draft Project Report.

The design of the project is affected by the design and capacity of the LCFWRP Outfall and the Foothill Main Sewer Projects that have been recently completed and are yet to be completed by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Department (LACSD) Department in the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The capacity of the trunk sewer lines were designed for future connection of local sewer lines, including the proposed project. Although the trunk sewer project was designed to meet ultimate build-out flows, the actual number of users allowed to hook up to the Joint Outfall System is limited due to the existence of a down stream "bottleneck" located in a section of the Oak Grove Drive Trunk, which passes under the Foothill Freeway in a southerly direction. The bottleneck limits flow from the City of La Cañada Flintridge to approximately 1 mgd. The Los Angeles County Sanitation Department has committed to construct new trunk line facilities to meet the capacity anticipated by this project. However, until these facilities are completed, Reimbursement Agreement Amendment N. 13,765-1 limits the City to capacity rights of 3.43 cfs (2.21 mgd) peak flow.

The Growth Management Plan prepared by SCAG for the year 2010 projects the peak flow from the LCFWRP Outfall sewer line at 0.83 mgd and the Foothill Main sewer line at 1.23 mgd, for a total of 3.18 mgd at the ultimate build-out of District 28 (See Exhibit 5). Flow monitoring performed by LACSD in February 2001, shows that the current average and peak flows from District 28 and from JPL to be .088 cfs (0.57 mgd) and 1.05 cfs (0.68 mgd) respectively. This is with approximately 70 percent of Area 1 build-out. Based on the predicted peak flows from the Growth Management Plan prepared by SCAG, the addition of Area 2, and the remaining 30% of the homes in Area 1, the City of La Cañada Flintridge will exceed their capacity rights. Area 1 will be built-out by 2004 and Area 2 will reach build-out in 2005. The City of Pasadena has an agreement to upgrade the sewer in Oak Grove Drive and to correct the "bottleneck" when the capacity of the existing sewer is exceeded.

The City intends to continue to work with the LACSD on ways to relieve the over capacity issues that will result from building the Area 3 sewer system.

## **INSERT DISCUSSION OF AREA 3A, 3B, 4 & 5 FLOWS & LOADINGS**

## **Project Alternatives**

The alternatives to the project include: (1) No Project (No Action) Alternative; (2) Cluster Septic System Alternative; and (3) Force Main to LCFWRP.

### No Project (No Action) Alternative

The No Project (No Action) alternative would retain the remaining existing sewage disposal systems "in place" in the project area, providing sewer service to approximately 2,215 single-family residences and leaving the remainder, approximately 3,424 single-family and 27 multi-family residential properties, as well as approximately five shopping centers, and four other commercial facilities, ten schools, two recreational and one institutional facility, to be served by individual septic systems. This alternative was rejected because it would not meet the objectives of the project, namely the provision of a sanitary sewer system to end the need for reliance on individual septic systems for sewage disposal and to halt water table contamination of the aquifer underlying La Cañada Flintridge from septic tanks. When a property is sold, the City requires that its septic system be certified. Many old systems fail to pass this test. Failure to improve the current system would result in an inequitable service to major areas of the City, as well as negative environmental impacts to groundwater quality and public health and safety.

### Cluster Septic System Alternative

The Cluster Septic System Alternative consists of constructing larger capacity septic systems to serve several homes at the same time. While this alternative does not create any new short-term sewage treatment impacts on the environment, it will hasten septic system saturation, thus providing a short-term fix at the risk of long-term impacts. This system was rejected because, while it does not create any new short-term sewage treatment impacts on the environment, it would require the acquisition of land (not available in most neighborhoods), would not correct groundwater contamination problems, and would accelerate septic system saturation problems. In addition, this alternative would result in greater and more widespread impacts, including increased grading and excavation activities, soil erosion and sedimentation, and potential loss of open space. When the built-out nature of the project area and potential environmental impacts on water quality are considered, the alternative contradicts national water quality goals.

### Area 3A Connection to Foothill Trunk Main

This alternative proposes the conveying of the sewage from the local collection system for Area 3A to the LACSD's Foothill Trunk Main instead of the CVWD system. Since the Foothill Trunk Main is located at a significantly higher elevation, one or more lift stations and force mains would be required to pump sewage from key collection points. Also, the Foothill Trunk Main was not designed to accept this area, and lacks the capacity to accept the effluent. This alternative does not achieve any project goals, and would significantly increase capital and O&M cost impacts.

## **10. Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement)**

State Water Resources Board (SWRCG)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

## **Public Participation**

A major component of the project has been a public outreach and participation program to gather public input and generate support for the project. For Area 1, the City developed a public outreach

program that included newsletters and public information meetings. The outreach program in Area 1 was successful in promoting the project and educating the property owners on various aspects of project design, costs, and benefits. For Area 2, the public outreach and participation program included the mailing of newsletters, a questionnaire, and maps to affected property owners. Of the 1,333 septic location surveys mailed, 977 were returned with comments regarding house lateral design, the location of their septic systems, and various other comments. In March, a second newsletter was mailed inviting project area property owners to one of four project information meetings that were held at the La Cañada Flintridge City Hall. An additional project meeting was held as well as several noticed City Council Study Sessions to promote discussion on the Area 2 and future sewer district areas.

Public outreach efforts for the proposed sewer improvements in Areas 3A and 3B has been provided in the form of open City Council Study sessions and the distribution of information and City survey forms to affected residents. For residents in Areas 3A and 3B, a public workshop was held on July 2, 2002, to explain the physical characteristics of the proposed improvements and to provide information and answer questions on the financing of the sewer system, including the formation of an assessment district, and estimated fees required to be paid by homeowners within the area to be served. Public outreach efforts for Areas 4 and 5 will be undertaken in the same manner in which they have been provided for other areas of the City where sewer improvements have been proposed, including the distribution of public information bulletins, holding public workshops, and conducting a vote to form an assessment district to fund the sewer improvements.

### **Review Process**

This Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation for Areas A through E (now designated as Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5), has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse in compliance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) to solicit comments from federal, state, and local agencies. The Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration have also been submitted to local government agencies.

Pursuant to Section 1105 of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, the proposed Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be submitted for public review and comments. This Initial Study has determined that the project will, with incorporation of mitigation measures, have less than significant impacts. The Draft Initial Study, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Mitigation Monitoring Plan will be submitted to public review as a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. A Notice of Availability will be published in the *La Cañada Valley Sun*, inviting the public to comment on the Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration during the CEQA required review period of not less than 30 days as set forth in Public Resources Code Section 15105(b).

A public hearing on the Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration, which responds to comments received on the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration, will be scheduled for a date and time certain after the close of the public comment period. Public notice of this hearing will be separately advertised in the *La Cañada Valley Sun* prior to the hearing date.

## 11. References

The following are also referenced where appropriate in the Environmental Checklist Form:

1. *La Cañada Flintridge General Plan*, Land Use and Housing Elements, 1993;
2. *La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Review Program prepared by Munifinancial/Willdan*, November 2002;
3. *CEQA Handbook South Coast Air Quality Management District*, 1993;
4. Field review of the project area, September 2002.
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## INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

### ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages:

- |                                                        |                                                             |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation / Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |                                                              |

### DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been address by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

Steve Castellanos

City of La Canada Flintridge

Printed Name

For

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers, except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factor as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, “Earlier Analyses,” may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures, which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.



- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST:

I	<b><u>AESTHETICS</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	<i>Would the project:</i>				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- I(a). **No Impact.** The La Cañada Flintridge General Plan does not designate any scenic resources within the project area. The proposed sewer improvements would be constructed beneath City streets and, therefore, public views would not be adversely affected by the project and no private views of any scenic vistas would be affected.

*Reference: General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Aesthetics Section, July 1993*

- I(b). **No Impact.** The La Cañada Flintridge General Plan designates potential scenic routes within the project area (Angeles Crest Highway, Foothill (210) Freeway, Glendale (2) Freeway), however, no official scenic route designations have been adopted by the City.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Environmental Resource Management Element, March 1980.*

- I(c). **Less than Significant Impact.** The project would create temporary negative aesthetic impacts during the construction period. These impacts would include open views of construction equipment and vehicles, pipe storage areas, temporary barriers and excavated dirt. However, upon completion, the project will be unnoticeable because it would be located beneath City streets.

A number of sewer lift stations would be required to pump sewage to trunk sewer lines when the trunk line is at a higher elevation than the property and gravity flow is not a feasible option. However, the lift stations would be underground facilities accessed through steel panels located in parkways where possible. Each lift station would require a control box about nine feet wide, six feet high and three feet deep which would be placed within the existing parkways. These facilities, because of their low profile, are not expected to create a negative aesthetic impact.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Draft Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- I(d). **No Impact.** There are no light sources or reflective surfaces associated with the project and, therefore, the project would not create light or glare.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

II <u>AGRICULTURE RESOURCES</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:</i>				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- II(a). **No Impact.** A field review of the project vicinity confirmed that the surrounding area is completely developed with urban uses and no properties in the vicinity are used for zoned for agricultural operations. The City of La Cañada Flintridge does not contain "Prime Farmland".

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002.*

- II(b). **No Impact.** The project area is not zoned or used for agricultural purposes and the City does not contain any land designated as agricultural preserve by the Williamson Act.

- II(c). **No Impact.** The sewer collection system would be placed beneath existing roads and there would be no change in the existing pattern of land uses occurring in the area. The project would not displace farmland since none exists within the project area.

III <u>AIR QUALITY</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:</i>				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- III(a). **No Impact.** The project will create short-term impacts to air quality caused by construction activities. See response to III(b), below. These short-term impacts would not obstruct the implementation of air quality plans for the Los Angeles basin.

*Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993.*

- III(b.) **Less than Significant Impact.** Air pollutants would be generated during project construction, primarily from construction vehicle emissions and fugitive dust caused by earth disturbance. The project would also import an average of about 20 truckloads of soil per working day to backfill the abandoned septic pits. Due to the relatively small magnitude of daily project construction and extended nature of the project schedule, construction emissions are expected to be well below significance thresholds established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. After construction, there would be no air pollutant emission associated with the project.

*Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993; Field review of the project area, September 2002.*

- III(c.) **Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed project would be located in a non-attainment area for various pollutants regulated under applicable federal and state air quality standards. However, since air quality impacts would only be short-term and construction-related, they are unlikely to increase the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations due to project compliance with SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District) Rules and Regulations. In addition, emissions from construction activities are not anticipated to exceed Significance Emission Thresholds established by the SCAQMD in the CEQA Air Quality Handbook.

*Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993; Field review of the project area, September 2002.*

- III(d). **Less than Significant Impact.** Air pollutant emissions would only be generated during the period of project construction. Since pollutants generated during project construction are expected to fall below levels considered to be significant, there should be no significant exposure of sensitive receptors to air pollutants (see discussion IIIb above).

*Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993; Field review of the project area, September 2002.*

- III(e.) **Less than Significant Impact.** Exhaust fumes from construction equipment are the only odors expected to be generated by project construction activities. These are expected to be minor and temporary, with no potential for significant impact on nearby sensitive receptors.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

IV <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- IV(a). **No Impact.** Because the area is fully urbanized, no significant natural areas exist in the vicinity and, therefore, no habitat capable of supporting sensitive plant or animal species exists in the immediate vicinity of the project area. According to the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, the various natural plant communities that do still exist in the City (coastal sage scrub and medium to high density chaparral) are all located in higher elevation areas such as the San Gabriel Mountains and the San Rafael Hills.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.*

- IV(b). **No Impact.** There are no locally designated natural communities in the project area.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.*

- IV(c). **No Impact.** There are no wetland habitats, marshes, riparian areas, or vernal pools in the project area, therefore no impact would occur.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.*

- IV(d). **No Impact.** The project area is not located within a wildlife movement corridor and does not provide a connection between natural habitat areas.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.*

- IV(e). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** Individual mature trees (e.g. eucalyptus, oak, deodors, sycamores, elms) and existing stands of mature trees should remain largely undisturbed because sewer construction activities would be confined to existing public street rights-of-way. However, there may be instances in which excavation activities would disturb the roots and/or root structures of local trees, including large eucalyptus, sycamore, oak, and deodora trees. These trees are of great value to the community and should be protected. The following mitigation measure would reduce the project's impact on the trees to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure IVe-1** - Construction crews shall be alerted to the potential for damage to roots and root systems of trees adjoining the rights-of-way where excavation and trenching activities are proposed. Whenever damage or potential damage to roots or root systems of mature trees as a result of construction activities becomes evident, work shall cease and the services of a certified arborist shall be retained to advise and assist in implementing measures to protect the health of existing trees and tree root systems in the project area.

Potential damage to mature trees and existing stands of mature trees caused by the loss of water currently percolating from cesspool-septic systems in the community is not anticipated to be significant. Although some trees may benefit from existing percolation, there is no substantive evidence to indicate that installation of the proposed sewer improvements will cause trees to die for lack of water. Most trees, many of which have shallow root structures, such as oak trees, receive sufficient water through natural rainfall and from existing public and private irrigation systems.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993; Memorandum to Dean Sherer, Principal Planner, Willdan from David L. Hayes, Consulting Arborist, Willdan, October 2002.*

- IV(f). **No Impact.** No portion of the project area lies within an area covered by an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. Therefore, no impact would occur.

V <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- V(a). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** A Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations was conducted for Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5. The study indicates three areas of concern: the Foothill Boulevard right-of-way and the Angeles Crest Highway right-of-way for historic resources and the general project area for prehistoric resources. The studies recommend that the entire area be considered sensitive for prehistoric cultural resources and the alignments of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway be considered moderately sensitive for historic resources. The following mitigation measure would reduce impacts

on cultural (archaeological and historical) resources to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure Va-1** – The applicant shall provide full-time archaeological monitoring along the Foothill Boulevard right-of-way and part-time (spot) monitoring along the remaining sewer alignments. The part-time monitoring shall consist of no less than 20 percent time (one day per week), unless resource identification warrants additional coverage.

*Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, January 14, 2000.*

- V(b). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** See discussion under V(a) above. Project excavation may expose archeological resources in the area designated as sensitive on moderately sensitive. Implementation of Mitigation Measure Va-1 would reduce impacts on archeological resources to a less than significant level.

*Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, January 14, 2000.*

- V(c). **No Impact.** The project area possesses neither significant topographical relief nor any observable geologic or physical feature that would be considered unique. No paleontological resources are expected to be found during project excavation because the trenching would not be deep enough to expose fossiliferous rocks.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; U.S.G.S. Quadrangle (7.5 minute series).*

- V(d). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** The Native American Heritage Commission was contacted regarding the project. The Commission has indicated that it has no record of any resource in or within the immediate area of the proposed project. The Gabrielino-Tongva Tribal Council was also contacted. The Council requested that it be informed of any ground altering activities associated with the project and that it be provided with a report of any trench monitoring. The Council further requested that, if any Native American resources or remains are uncovered, they be informed immediately and be permitted to participate in the discussions of the deposition of such materials.

**Mitigation Measure Vd-1** –The applicant shall maintain communication with the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council to keep them informed of any ground altering activities together with a report of the results of trench monitoring. If any Native American resource is uncovered, the applicant shall inform the Council immediately and permit it to participate in any discussion of the deposition of the uncovered materials.

*Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, January 14, 2000.*

VI <u>GEOLOGY AND SOILS</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risk to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

VI(a). **No Impact.** The City of La Cañada Flintridge is located in a seismically active region and the Sierra Madre Fault runs directly through the City. The project would be subject to ground-shaking from this fault and other various active and potentially active fault zones in Los Angeles County and the region. However, the project itself would not expose people to hazards associated with fault rupture in that the sewer collection system would be designed and constructed according to earthquake-related safety standards. Furthermore, the proposed sewer improvements will be constructed below grade and within the right-of-way of existing streets, thus further reducing the likelihood of hazards resulting from a nearby fault rupture and seismic ground-shaking.

Certain areas within the City (primarily alluvial areas having groundwater depths of less than 30 feet) are subject to liquefaction. The general vicinity of the project site is subject to liquefaction hazards and, therefore, the proposed sewer collection system could be subject to damage from liquefaction during a major seismic event. However, standard engineering design measures incorporated into the project would minimize the potential for structural damage to the sewer system improvements. Portions of the sewer service area are located in hillside areas. However, landslide and mudslide potential is not considered a concern in these areas.

In addition, approximately 100,000 cubic yards of rock will be excavated during the trenching of Areas 4 and 5. This volume will be removed from rock surfaces to an estimated depth of eight to twenty feet to provide for sewer line installation, and possibly deeper in cases where sewer lift stations are required. No impact is expected, however, with utilization of standard engineering, compaction and stabilization methods to reduce the possible impacts of rock removal.



*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993; and La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VI(b). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** Excavation within existing streets will be needed to construct the sewer collection system and some movement of earth will be required to create trenches for both the 8-inch vitrified clay pipe (VCP) and 6-inch lateral lines. Excavation beneath sidewalks and on private property is also anticipated in order to install the sewer line and lateral connections thereto. The amount of excavation and earth movement needed for project construction would vary according to location. In addition, and depending on the location and extent of excavation activities, project construction would temporarily increase the potential for soil erosion. The primary concern would be the potential for soil adjacent to open trenches to be loosened and to be carried into existing storm drain channels beneath the street. Another concern is the potential for soil to be deposited onto the surface of public streets in the project area resulting from construction vehicles leaving the site of excavation activities and tracking soil onto roadways. Although erosion potential is relatively minor because of the small degree of earth disturbance associated with the project, the following mitigation measures are required to reduce soil erosion impacts to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure Vlb-1** - Construction plans shall specify measures for controlling erosion at construction sites and preventing soil from being carried into the storm drain channels on existing streets. Examples of erosion control measures include temporary detention basins, straw bale dikes, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, velocity dissipation devices, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drain, pipe slope drain, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, sediment traps, or other controls. For all areas with significant side or downslope conditions, sandbag dikes, silt fences, straw bale dikes or equivalent control practices shall be required.

**Mitigation Measure Vlb-2** - At the end of each day of construction, any soil or debris deposited onto local streets by construction equipment shall be removed. If any material deposited onto the roadway or adjacent sidewalk represents a safety hazard in the opinion of a public works inspector on site, it shall be cleaned up immediately and construction halted, if necessary.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, October; State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Erosion & Sedimentation Control, September, 1992.*

- VI(c). **Less than Significant Impact.** The potential for subsidence is only a concern where fill material has been imported and has not been properly compacted. Such conditions are possible at the proposed sites of excavation and pipe laying, however subsidence is considered unlikely since the excavation sites have already been in use for public right-of-way purposes and, therefore, soils at the site should already have been properly prepared to accommodate the sewer collection pipe lines and laterals. Proper excavation, trenching, and shoring practices will need to be followed and sewer pipeline will need to be placed on compacted fill or firm undisturbed natural soils and in accordance with engineering recommendations for sewer design and installation.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VI(d). **Less than Significant Impact.** Development of the new sewer collection system is not anticipated to result in a project located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risk to life or property. The existence of expansive soils at a new development site is determined through soil testing prior to finalizing construction plans. The existence of such soils can influence footing and

foundation design and, typically, engineering design measures incorporated into construction plans can adequately address potential problems associated with expansive soils.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993; and La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VI(e). **Less than Significant Impact.** A new sewer system would replace septic tanks. The abandoned septic tanks would remain in place but the cesspits would require backfilling at the time the property goes on line with the new sewer system. The sewer collection system will be designed to accommodate the potential soils problems associated with expansive soils (see discussion VI (d) above).

VII <b>HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- VII(a). **No Impact.** The sewer collection system project does not involve the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.
- VII(b). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** Construction of the proposed project is not anticipated to use explosive or highly hazardous substances. During project construction, the only hazardous substances anticipated to be in use would be fuel (most likely diesel) and lubricating oil used by construction equipment. Normal use of these substances would not present a significant risk of upset.

There is a low to medium probability that groundwater and shallow soils impacted with fuel

hydrocarbons underlie portion of the project area. Groundwater and shallow soils impacted with fuel hydrocarbons may be encountered during trenching activities. The project itself, however, is not expected to result in the generation of any hazardous waste or other waste products requiring special handling and disposal. The following mitigation measures would reduce the project's impact on hazardous materials to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure VIIb-1** - If groundwater is encountered during construction and dewatering is necessary, the effluent generated shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.

**Mitigation Measure VIIb-2** - If during excavation activities soil affected by gasoline hydrocarbons is encountered, the affected soil shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VII(c). **Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not involve the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials. Hazardous emissions will be confined to exhaust emissions from construction equipment. These emissions, however, are short-term in nature and are not anticipated to adversely affect human health. See IIIc.
- VII(d). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system area is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.
- VII(e). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system is proposed within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.
- VII(f). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system is proposed within the vicinity of a private airstrip.
- VII(g). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** The City of La Cañada Flintridge has adopted the Standardized Emergency Management System ("SEMS") management system, which provides an organizational framework and a coordinated response by multiple jurisdictions to emergencies and natural disasters. Under this system, the City's Emergency Operations Center will be responsible for the identification of emergency evacuation routes through the City. In general, all major north/south travel corridors in the City (e.g. Angeles Crest Highway, Gould Avenue) would function as emergency evacuation routes in the event of a local emergency or natural disaster. Foothill Boulevard, the City's only major east/west corridor, would also act as a major emergency evacuation route. Since sewer construction activities would occur on these routes, there is the potential for construction activities to hamper or block evacuation during an emergency. The following mitigation measures would reduce the project's impact on emergency evacuation routes to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure VIIg-1** - Bi-directional travel on major and local streets shall be maintained in construction areas to facilitate normal traffic flow and to facilitate evacuation of residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

**Mitigation Measure VIIg-2** - Access for emergency vehicles around or through construction sites shall be maintained.

**Mitigation Measure VIIg-3** - Sewer construction crews shall, in the event of an emergency evacuation, cease all construction activities and restore the construction

areas in a manner which allows for unimpeded vehicular access and travel.

*Reference: Phone conversation with Mark Alexander, Assistant City Manager, City of La Cañada Flintridge, August, 2000; Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Presentation to City Council, May 6, 1996.*

- VII(h). **No Impact.** The area of the proposed sewer collection system will be located underground in an urbanized area. Therefore, there would be no increase in fire hazard on the site or adjacent areas.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002.*

<b>VIII HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</b>		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>					
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

- VIII(a). **Potentially Significant Beneficial Impact** - The project would result in a potentially significant *beneficial impact* on ground water quality. The City overlies the Monk Hill sub-unit of the Raymond Basin aquifer that has historically reported high levels of nitrate concentrations, and more recently volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in excess of State action levels or drinking water standards. Replacement of existing septic systems with sanitary sewer facilities would greatly reduce the likelihood of the release of any substances that could infiltrate underlying aquifers and affect groundwater quality.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Water Resources section, 1993; La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VIII(b) **No Impact.** The project would not involve additions or withdrawals of groundwater, and excavations required for project construction would not be of a depth that would affect the direction or rate of flow of any underlying aquifers. Installation of the sewer collection system may, however, reduce the quantity of water from percolation of septic tank effluent.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VIII(c) **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed sewer collection system could temporarily cause erosion, possibly resulting in soil being deposited into existing storm drain channels. This could cause a temporary increase in water turbidity. Measures recommended to reduce soil erosion during project construction should adequately address this issue (see discussion VIb above).

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VIII(d) **No Impact.** The proposed sewer collection system would not intersect or cross any known stream channels or watercourses. The project, therefore, would not affect the course or direction of water flows in the project area.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VIII(e) **No Impact.** The construction of the sewer collection system will not add impervious surfaces and will not prevent water from soaking into the underlying soil because it will be constructed beneath City streets. A slight increase in impervious surfaces may result from construction of various sewer lift stations in the project area if the City pursues this option. However, because the amount of surface area associated with the lift stations is so small, any changes in rates of absorption and surface runoff would be so minor that they would be considered insignificant.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- VIII(f) **No impact.** Through the application of erosion control and other NPDES measures, the anticipated sewer collection system project is not expected to substantially degrade local water quality.

- VIII(g) **No impact.** No housing development is associated with the project, therefore, no new housing will be located within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map.

- VIII(h) **No Impact.** According to the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan EIR, the project area is not located in an area that is subject to flooding during either a 100-year or 500-year storm event. The project would not cause people or property to be exposed to water-related hazards such as flooding.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Water Resources section, 1993.*

- VIII(i). **No impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.
- VIII(j). **No Impact.** The City is not subject to seiche, tsunami, or mudflows, therefore, no hazard-related impacts are anticipated.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993.*

IX <b><u>LAND USE AND PLANNING</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

- IX(a). **No Impact** - The project would provide a new sewage and wastewater conveyance system within existing roadways in the City. No new roads or physical barriers would be constructed in conjunction with the project and therefore, no physical division of portions of the City would result from the project.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- IX(b). **Less Than Significant Impact** - The Agency with jurisdiction over the project is the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The sewer collection system will tie into Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Crescenta Valley Sanitation District, City of Glendale and City of Pasadena sewer facilities. However, these Sanitation Districts and local governmental agencies will have no direct involvement in the operation or maintenance of the local sewer collection system. No conflict with the environmental plans or policies of La Cañada Flintridge has been identified. Furthermore, because the project is a conveyance project, it is not considered regionally significant and, therefore, is not subject to Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) or State Implementation (SIP) conformity review. The project, as proposed, is sized and located to support the density of development identified in the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan. Therefore, the project presents no conflicts with general plan designations or zoning.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, Land Use Element, November 1993*

- IX(c). **No Impact.** As previously indicated, the proposed sewage and wastewater conveyance system does not conflict with any habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

<b>X</b>	<b><u>MINERAL RESOURCES</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>					
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

X(a). **No Impact.** There are no known mineral resources on the project site, so construction of the project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State.

X(b). **No Impact.** There are no locally important mineral resource recovery sites in the project vicinity.

<b>XI</b>	<b><u>NOISE</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project result in:</i>					
a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

XI(a). **Less than Significant Impact** - Project construction activities would cause temporary increases in local noise levels. The City's noise ordinances (Ordinances 166 and 172) provide a basis for controlling noise generated by construction activities. The ordinance provides specific noise standards for stationary sources, such as construction sites, and limits the hours of construction activity. Required compliance with the City's noise ordinances would provide adequate regulation of construction noise impacts and thereby avoid excessive noise levels.

*Reference: Field review of the project area, September 2002; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, July 1993; City of La Cañada Flintridge Noise Ordinances 166 & 172.*

- XI(b). **No Impact.** The project will not result in exposure of people to excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels, nor is the installation of the sewer lines likely to generate such vibration or noise.
- XI(c). **No Impact.** The project will not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity. The only noise associated with the project will be construction-related noise. See XIa.
- XI(d). **No Impact.** See response to XIa.
- XI(e). **No Impact.** The project is not proposed within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.
- XI(f). **No Impact.** The project is not proposed within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

<b>XII      <u>POPULATION AND HOUSING</u></b>		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>					
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

XII(a). **Less Than Significant Impact.** The project represents an extension of a major infrastructure facility in the community and the project's design is intended to accommodate both current and future demands of the service area (**see Exhibit 1**). System capacity is affected by land use and population growth. The City remains at 90% build out with single-family homes, commercial and school uses, which is the highest impact land use allowed by the La Cañada Flintridge Zoning Code and General Plan. Minimal growth is anticipated in the foreseeable future. The current estimated project population for the areas of the City currently still served by individual septic systems (Areas 2, 3A, 3B, 4 & 5) is based on 2002 State Department of Finance data that shows 3.025 persons per household or approximately 14,365 persons. The population estimated for Areas 3, 4 and 5 is 10,358 persons.

The design of the proposed sewer collection system will reflect the ultimate build out of the area; however, the project is not expected to result in growth in the area that might not otherwise occur without the project. Furthermore, this project, combined with the previously approved La Cañada Water Reclamation Plant Outfall, Foothill Main Sewer and Area 1 projects, provides conveyance capacity that is consistent with the 2010-projected wastewater demand according to the 1989 AQMP/GMP for the La Cañada Flintridge area and the Joint Outfall System (JOS).

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, November, 1993; La Cañada Water Reclamation Plant Outfall and Foothill Main Sewer Projects Negative Declaration and Initial Study, January, 1992; La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*



XII(b). **No Impact.** The project does not involve the displacement of any housing.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XII(c). **No Impact.** No housing units would have to be relocated to offsite areas because of the project; therefore, the project would have no impact on displacement of people or existing housing units.

XIII PUBLIC SERVICES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?				
a) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Explanation of Checklist Judgments:

XIII(a). **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed improvements is not expected to have any effect on fire protection services. The improvements would not result in any fire or safety hazard and would not affect emergency response capabilities. Since no new land use is being introduced, the project would not result in an increased demand for services.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XIII(b). **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed improvements is not expected to have any effect on police protection services. The improvements would not pose a potential crime or security problem and would not affect emergency response capabilities. Since no new land use is being introduced, the project would not result in an increased demand for services.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XIII(c). **No Impact.** The project would not generate new students and would not adversely affect routes to nearby schools. Therefore, the project is not expected to have an effect on schools.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XIII(d). **No Impact.** The project would not generate any additional demand on park or recreational facilities in the community.

- XIII(e). **Less than Significant Impact.** The new sewer collection system in Area 3B and in a majority of Area 4 would be maintained by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Consolidated Sewer Maintenance Division. The Division is currently providing said maintenance to other incorporated cities in Los Angeles County on a contract basis. The sewer collection system in Area 3A will be maintained by the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) as well as for portions of Area 4. In addition, a small portion of Area 4 will connect to the City of Glendale sewer facilities. A majority of Area 5 will be serviced and maintained by CVWD as well, with additional service and maintenance provided by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and the cities of Glendale and Pasadena.

The addition of the proposed sewer collection system to the maintenance responsibilities of the Division is not expected to generate a need for additional personnel or equipment.

Because project construction activities would involve excavation, it is possible that buried natural gas or electrical power lines and telephone lines could be accidentally damaged by construction equipment, possibly resulting in a disruption of service to the area. As a normal practice, the locations of any buried utility lines in the construction zone would be identified on construction plans. The proposed improvements would be designed to avoid underground lines, if possible. Prior arrangements would be made with utility purveyors to relocate lines, if necessary. Standard procedures are in place for notifying utility companies and emergency agencies if a buried utility line is damaged by construction activities.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XIV <b><u>RECREATION</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

- XIV(a). **No Impact.** The project would not induce population growth and, therefore, would not result in an increased demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- XIV(b). **No Impact.** The project is not expected to have any adverse effect on existing recreational opportunities. The project will not restrict access to any recreational facilities or otherwise limit the use of any recreational facilities.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

<b>XV     <u>TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC</u></b>	<b>Potentially Significant Impact</b>	<b>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</b>	<b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	<b>No Impact</b>
<i>Would the project:</i>				
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

**XV(a). Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** The proposed improvements would not result in the generation of significant vehicle trips, however, excavation in City streets and construction-related vehicular trips and movements would contribute to traffic congestion. Although the potential for increased traffic congestion generation is relatively minor because of the limited number of construction vehicles required for the project, the following mitigation measures would reduce traffic congestion impacts to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure XVa-1** - During project construction, only a small number of vehicles shall be permitted at any given time at a project location and construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction area on a regular basis shall be regulated to specific routes and number of trips.

**Mitigation Measure XVa-2** - A haul route plan for trucks and construction equipment shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to the commencement of construction activities. Said haul route plan shall include alternative routes, when necessary, to avoid traffic congestion or disruption to certain adjoining land uses such as commercial businesses and schools.

**Mitigation Measure XVa-3** – Construction-related truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

**XV(b). No Impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not have an impact on levels of service on City streets or travel on City streets except during construction activities. See XVb.

**XV(c). No Impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not have an impact on air traffic patterns, given the nature of the project and the fact that there are no airports in the vicinity of the project.

- XV(d). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** The proposed project would not include any design features that would result in traffic hazards. The installation of the sanitary sewer system also would not include a change in existing roadway or intersection configurations in the project area. There would be temporary roadway obstructions during the construction phase of the project (construction barriers, etc.). However, these obstructions would be for a limited period of time and would be necessary to improve public safety in the areas where streets are undergoing excavation and sewer facilities are being installed.

The project will create temporary hazards or barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists. These hazards or barriers will be short-term, however, and will be limited only to areas of construction activity. Nevertheless, it will be necessary to adequately inform pedestrians and bicyclists of these temporary hazards and barriers. The following mitigation measures would reduce impacts to pedestrians and cyclists to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure XVd-1** - Temporary construction-related hazards and barriers affecting pedestrian and bicycle movements shall be clearly indicated at construction locations.

**Mitigation Measure XVd-2** - All construction sites shall be clearly posted (including open trench and excavation areas) and shall be secured against unauthorized trespass or entry during non-construction periods.

**Mitigation Measure XVd-3** - Appropriate hazard warning lights shall be utilized to warn pedestrians and bicyclists of construction areas during evening hours.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, July 2000.*

- XV(e). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** Construction activities may temporarily block access to private properties and to public uses including schools. In addition, there is a potential for emergency vehicle access to be blocked by sewer construction activities. Since the majority of sewer construction work would occur in existing public rights-of-ways, alternative access at specified locations should be identified in order to maintain access to private and public properties and to ensure that emergency vehicle access is maintained to adjoining residences, businesses, and public uses. The following mitigation measure would reduce access impacts to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure XVe-1** - Construction vehicle parking, staging, and storage area plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to commencement of construction activities. Said plans shall indicate where access points to adjoining properties would be blocked by construction vehicles and activities and shall identify alternative access routes and access points for use by the public and for emergency vehicles.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, November 2002.*

- XV(f). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** The project would not create a demand for parking; however, it may affect existing parking facilities. Because construction would occur within existing rights-of-ways, the availability of on-street parking would be reduced for temporary periods of time during excavation and construction activities. Residents who regularly utilize parking on local public streets could be adversely affected by the loss of parking during construction periods. This would be especially true for businesses located along Foothill Boulevard which do not have adequate parking on site to meet their customer parking needs and which rely on available on-street parking.

Any information regarding the proposed prohibition of on-street parking during construction hours should be made available to the general public and to those persons likely to lose the use of on-street parking at any particular given location. The following mitigation measure

would reduce the impact of the temporary loss of on street parking to a less than significant level:

**Mitigation Measure XVf-1** - The locations of on-street parking to be temporarily lost during construction periods of the project shall be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance, clearly indicating to the public the days and/or hours in which parking will not be available for use by the public. In addition, if necessary, signs shall be posted directing the public to alternate parking locations during the construction period. Any such locations shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the temporary removal of on-street parking.

XV(g). **No Impact** - The project would not conflict with policies supporting use of alternative transportation.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, Circulation Element, May 1995.*

<b>XVI UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</b>		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Would the project:</i>					
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

XVI(a). **No Impact.** The project would have a potentially significantly beneficial impact by removing existing septic systems and replacing them with a sanitary sewer collection system. The project would result in a reduction of health violations related to septic system failures. In addition, the potential for contamination of existing groundwater would be reduced as a result of the project.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(b). **No Impact.** The project would not result in the need for new water treatment or distribution facilities. The project would not result in an increase in water consumption and, therefore, will not affect water supplies.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinancial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(c). **No Impact.** The project would not affect the capacity of storm drainage facilities and would not contribute significantly to the amount of storm flow carried by these facilities. Therefore, the project would not result in the need for new or expanded storm drainage facilities.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(d). **No Impact.** The project would not result in an increase in water consumption and, therefore, would not affect water supplies.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(e). **No Impact.** The project would provide wastewater transportation facilities not currently in place. Adequate wastewater treatment facilities exist to treat wastewater transported by the proposed sewer collection system.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(f). **No Impact.** The project would not generate any solid waste and, therefore, would not affect solid waste collection and disposal systems, nor the capacity of local landfills.

*Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by MuniFinacial/Willdan, November 2002.*

XVI(g). **No Impact.** See response to XVI(f).

XVII <b><u>MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</u></b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<i>Does the project:</i>				
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Explanation of Checklist Judgments:**

XVII(a). **Less than Significant Impact.** Since the proposed project involves construction activity, the potential exists for various impacts that could degrade the environment. Typical impacts related to construction activities include earth disturbance, erosion, water quality degradation, air pollutant emissions, and noise. In the case of the proposed project, all such potential impacts are minor and can be satisfactorily controlled through the implementation of standard mitigation measures and construction practices. There is no aspect of the project which would reduce or degrade fish or wildlife habitat, threaten any

plant or animal community, affect any sensitive plant or animal species, or eliminate any examples of California history or pre-history.

XVII(b). **Less than Significant Impact.** Since all of the potential impacts related to the proposed project are a result of construction activity, they will be temporary in nature and will cease when construction is complete. As a result, the individual effects of the project do not have the potential to be cumulatively significant, assuming no other construction projects occur in the immediate vicinity at the same time.

XVII(c). **Less than Significant Impact.** The project's only identified adverse effects on human beings are noise and air pollution (e.g., dust, fumes) generated by construction activities. These are not considered significant impacts.

#### **MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM**

A Mitigation Monitoring Program has been prepared to describe the responsibilities and procedures for monitoring the implementation of mitigation measures. The table on the following page indicates: 1) when the implementation of each mitigation measure is to be monitored, 2) who is responsible for making sure that each measure is properly implemented, and 3) how the implementation of mitigation measures is to be reported. As indicated on the following table, eighteen measures are required to mitigate potentially significant impacts.

# **LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM – AREAS 3A, 3B, 4 AND 5** **MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM**

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
<p><b>Mitigation Measure IVe-1</b> – Construction crews shall be alerted to the potential for damage to roots and root systems of trees adjoining the rights-of-way where excavation and trenching activities are proposed. Whenever damage or potential damage to roots or root systems of mature trees, as a result of construction activities, becomes evident, work shall cease and the services of a certified arborist shall be retained to advise and assist in implementing measures to protect the health of existing trees and tree root systems in the project area.</p>	Construction	Public Works Inspector or Certified Arborist	A certified Arborist shall be contacted immediately if damage to tree roots is suspected. The City Engineer shall be notified immediately.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<p><b>Mitigation Measure Va-1</b> – The applicant shall provide full-time archaeological monitoring along the Foothill Boulevard right-of-way and part-time (spot) monitoring along the remaining sewer alignments where excavations would be adjacent to or relatively close to listed properties. The part-time monitoring shall consist of no less than 20 percent time (one day per week), unless resource identification warrants additional coverage.</p>	Construction	Qualified Archeologist	A qualified archeologist shall keep a monitoring log for resource identification purposes	This is a required mitigation measure.



Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
<p><b>Mitigation Measure Vd-1</b> –The applicant shall maintain communication with the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council to keep them informed of any ground altering activities together with a report of the results of trench monitoring. If any Native American resource is uncovered, the applicant shall inform the Council immediately and permit it to participate in any discussion of the deposition of the uncovered materials.</p>	<p>Pre-construction and construction</p>	<p>Public Works Director (or designee)</p>	<p>The Public Works Director or a designee shall report weekly to the Gabrieleno / Tongva Tribal Council on any ground altering activities and on the results of trench monitoring. The Public Works Director or designee shall report to the Council immediately if any Native American resource is uncovered.</p>	<p>This is a required mitigation measure.</p>
<p><b>Mitigation Measure Vlb-1</b> - Construction plans shall specify measures for controlling erosion at construction sites and preventing soil from being carried into the storm drain channels on existing streets. Examples of erosion control measures include temporary detention basins, straw bale dikes, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, velocity dissipation devices, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drain, pipe slope drain, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, sediment traps, or other controls. For all areas with significant side or downslope conditions, sandbag dikes, silt fences, straw bale dikes or equivalent control practices shall be required.</p>	<p>Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)</p>	<p>Public Works Director (or designee)</p>	<p>Construction plans and specifications shall be checked for compliance. Construction activities shall be checked for compliance.</p>	<p>This is a required mitigation measure. Construction activities will also need to be checked for compliance.</p>

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
<b>Mitigation Measure Vlb-2</b> - At the end of each day of construction, any soil or debris deposited onto local streets by construction equipment shall be removed. If any material deposited onto the roadway or adjacent sidewalk represents a safety hazard in the opinion of a public works inspector on site, it shall be cleaned up immediately and construction halted, if necessary.	Construction	Public Works Director (or designee)	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure VIlb-1</b> - If groundwater is encountered during construction and dewatering is necessary, the effluent generated shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure VIlb-2</b> - If during excavation activities soil affected by gasoline hydrocarbons is encountered, the affected soil shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure VIlg-1</b> - Bi-directional travel on major and local streets shall be maintained in construction areas to facilitate normal traffic flow and to facilitate evacuation of residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure VIlg-2</b> - Access for emergency vehicles around or through construction sites shall be maintained at all times.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.

<b>Mitigation Measures</b>	<b>Period of Implementation</b>	<b>Monitoring Responsibility</b>	<b>Reporting Procedure</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Mitigation Measure VIIg-3 - Sewer</b> construction crews shall, in the event of an emergency evacuation, cease all construction activities and restore the construction areas in a manner which allows for unimpeded vehicular access and travel.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A Public Works Inspector or member of the City's EOC shall monitor compliance during emergency evacuations.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVa-1 - During project</b> construction, only a small number of vehicles shall be permitted at any given time at a project location and construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction area on a regular basis shall be regulated to specific routes and number of trips.	Construction	Public Works Director (or designee)	The Public Works Inspector shall monitor and report on compliance to the City Engineer.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVa-2 - A haul route plan</b> for trucks and construction equipment shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to the commencement of construction activities. Said haul route plan shall include alternative routes, when necessary, to avoid traffic congestion or disruption to certain adjoining land uses such as commercial businesses and schools.	Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)	Public Works Director (or designee)	Haul route plans for trucks and construction vehicles shall be checked for compliance.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVa-3 - Construction-</b> related truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	The Public Works Inspector shall monitor and report on compliance to the City Engineer.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVd-1 - Temporary</b> construction-related hazards and barriers affecting pedestrian and bicycle movements shall be clearly indicated at construction locations.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
<b>Mitigation Measure XVD-2</b> - All construction sites shall be clearly posted (including open trench and excavation areas) and shall be secured against unauthorized trespass or entry during non-construction periods.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVD-3</b> - Appropriate hazard warning lights shall be utilized to warn pedestrians and bicyclists of construction areas during evening hours.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVE-1</b> - Construction vehicle parking, staging, and storage area plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to commencement of construction activities. Said plans shall indicate where access points to adjoining properties would be blocked by construction vehicles and activities and shall identify alternative access routes and access points for use by the public and for emergency vehicles.	Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)	Public Works Director (or designee)	Construction parking, staging and storage plans shall be checked for compliance.	This is a required mitigation measure.
<b>Mitigation Measure XVf-1</b> - The locations of on-street parking to be temporarily lost during construction periods of the project shall be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance, clearly indicating to the public the days and/or hours in which parking will not be available for use by the public. In addition, if necessary, signs shall be posted directing the public to alternate parking locations during the construction period. Any such locations shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the temporary removal of on-street parking.	Pre-Construction	Public Works Inspector Director; Public Works Inspector	Provision of supplemental off-street parking at proposed locations to be reviewed and approved by City.  A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

The Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public and agency review from May 16, 2003 through June 16, 2003. The La Cañada City Council subsequently extended the review and comment period through July 7, 2003.

### **Affected and Responsible Agencies**

The following letters were received from affected and responsible agencies:

1. William E. Foster, Environmental Scientist, Environmental Services, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance, June 10, 2003.
2. Terry Roberts, Senior Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, June 16, 2003.
3. Stephen J. Buswell, IGR/CEQA Branch Chief, Department of Transportation, District 7, Regional Planning, IGR/CEQA Branch, May 30, 2003
4. C.F. Raysbrook, Regional Manager, State of California Department of Fish and Game, June 9, 2003.
5. Daniel A. Rix, City Engineer, City of Pasadena, Public Works and Transportation Department, June 16, 2003.
6. David S. Gould P.E., District Engineer, Crescenta Valley Water District, June 16, 2003.

### **Letter No. 1 – State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance**

Comment #1: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) acknowledges receipt of the Draft IS/MND and describes the SRF Federal loan program requirements and provides project-specific comments.

Response: The City is aware of the review requirements stipulated in the correspondence received from the SWRCB. No comments were received from Federal reviewing agencies on this project.

Comment #2: The SWRCB notes that the project is required to conform to provisions of the Federal Endangered Species Act and that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for their review and comment.

Response: No potentially significant biological impacts resulting from the project were identified in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration with the exception of the need to protect native nesting birds and bats, based on comments received from the California Department of Fish and Game. Additional mitigation measures have been provided, however, which will reduce this type of potential impact to a level of insignificance. No comments on the project have been received from USFWS.

Comment #3: The SWRCB notes that SRF loan applicants are required to comply with provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and that consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is required for the project. Cultural resource documentation is requested to conform to these requirements.

Response: The requested cultural resources information and documentation has been submitted to the SWRCB in order to complete the SHPO consultation process.

Comment #4: The SWRCB notes that SRF loan projects in non-attainment areas may be required to meet the Federal General Conformity Rule for the Federal Clean Air Act.

Response: The project's potential air quality impacts are analyzed in the Checklist under the topic III. Air Quality. The analysis concludes that the only anticipated air quality impacts will be short-term construction-related emissions impacts. The SWRCB concurs that the project is exempt from a conformity determination with the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) since the project is unlikely to increase the frequency and severity of existing air quality violations. In addition, the project conforms to the State Implementation Plan.

## **Letter No. 2 – State of California, Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse**

Comment #1: The State Clearinghouse notes the review period for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration closed on June 13, 2003 and that comments were received from State reviewing agencies.

Response: No response is necessary. Responses to State reviewing agencies comments are noted below.

## **Letter No. 3 – State of California, Department of Transportation, District 7**

Comment #1: Caltrans, District 7, requests that mitigation measures be added to the project requiring the City to obtain an Encroachment Permit for any work conducted with State highway rights-of-ways and that a Caltrans transportation permit be obtained for any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which required the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways.

Response: Comment noted. Both requests have been incorporated as mitigation measures for the project.

## **Letter No. 4 – State of California, Department of Fish and Game**

Comment #1: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) requests that project activities be designed to avoid disturbances to native and non-native birds during the breeding/nesting season (March 1 – August 31) and as early as February 1 for raptors. If project activities cannot be avoided during these periods, a qualified biologist is required to be retained to survey potential nesting habitat for nesting birds. Appropriate mitigation is to be provided (i.e. fencing) if nesting birds are found.

Response: Comment noted. This requirement has been incorporated as a mitigation measures for the project.

Comment #2: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) requests that project activities be designed to avoid disturbances to bats and the breeding season for bats (March 1 – September 15) unless pre-construction surveys are conducted by a qualified biologist and no bat roosts or nurseries are found within the project area.

Response: Comment noted. This requirement has been incorporated as a mitigation measure

for the project.

Comment #3: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) requests that project activities be designed to avoid disturbances to riparian resources, including drainages beneath bridge structures. A Streambed Alteration Agreement is required for any disturbance to a streambed, bank, or channel or associated riparian resources.

Response: Comment noted. The project is not anticipated to disturb any streambed, bank, or channel associated with riparian resources. Depending on final design, should such alteration become necessary, the City will consult with the CDGF and obtain the necessary Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA).

#### **Letter No. 5 – Department of Public Works, City of Pasadena**

Comment #1: The proposed flow rates are not adequately described in the report. Capacity of the 10-inch diameter sewer line in Oak Grove Drive at Foothill Boulevard will be exceeded by proposed flows into this line.

Response: Hunt

Comment #2: The Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard trunk sewer cannot accommodate the proposed flows.

Response: Hunt

Comment #3: The proposed flows will exceed the capacity rights outlined in Reimbursement Agreement Amendment No. 13,765-1, between the City of Pasadena and the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Response: Hunt

Comment #4: There is no relinquishment agreement in place for the Oak Grove Drive sewer. The City of Pasadena has a relinquishment agreement in place with the LACSD that covers only the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Sewer line.

Response: Hunt

#### **LETTER NO. 6 – CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

Comment #1: Area 3A and a small portion of Area 4 will be connected to the CVWD system and a sewer study is being performed, however, no formal agreement has been made between the City and the CVWD to accept the additional flow.

Response: Hunt

Comment #2: The IS/MND is contradictory in stating that on Page 31, “outside” agencies, other than the County Sanitation District, will have no responsibilities for operation or maintenance of the local sewer collection system. On Page 24, the IS/MND states that the CVWD will maintain Area 3A and a portion of Area 4. No such agreement has been finalized.

Response: Hunt

Comment #3: The IS/MND states that a majority of Area 5 will be serviced and maintained by CVWD. The CVWD will not serve this area.

Response: The IS/MND has been amended to read that only a portion of Area 5 will be serviced by the CVWD. Said service shall be subject to a negotiated agreement between the City and the CVWD.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following emails and letters were received from the public:

7. EMAIL ADDRESSED TO STEVE CASTELLANOS FROM RITA LE BLANC, JUNE 16, 2003
8. Email addressed to Jo Bell from Steve Castellanos, Director of Public Works, June 16, 2003
9. Gould Allison, 4602 Commonwealth Avenue, June 16, 2003
10. Elisabeth Powell, June 16, 2003
11. George Head, 102 Inverness, June 16, 2003
12. James Short, 1224 Journeys End, June 16, 2003
13. James Short, 1224 Journeys End, July 7, 2003
14. Fred Ackers, 4862 La Cañada Boulevard, July 7, 2003

#### **Letter No. 7 – Email from Rita Le Blanc**

Comment #1: There will be a flood of sewage from the City that will have an adverse impact on the environment. The project requires a full environmental impact report (EIR).

Response: The City will contribute less than one (1) percent of the total volume of sewage now handled by the County Sanitation District. Additionally, a Draft Mitigated Negative is the appropriate environmental document for this project since most, if not all, impacts are construction-related and are either insignificant or are mitigated to levels of insignificance through appropriate measures. Staff is also of the opinion that the project will have a significant *beneficial* impact by removing existing septic systems and replacing them with a sanitary sewer collection system. The project would result in a reduction of health violations related to septic system failures. In addition, the potential for contamination of existing groundwater would be reduced as a result of the project.

#### **Letter No. 8 – Email to Jo Bell from Steve Castellanos**

Comment #1: The original email from Jo Bell pertained to the installation of sewers. The writer's comments were referred to consultants responsible for design and installation questions.

**Response: Comment noted. No response necessary.**

#### **LETTER NO. 9 – GOULD ALLISON**

Comment #1: Installation of sanitary sewers will result in a substantial loss of groundwater which, in turn, will result in the loss of trees.

Response: This issue is addressed under VIII (b) in the Initial Study Checklist. The project does not involve additions or withdrawal of groundwater. Also, excavation would not be deep enough



to affect rates or flow of groundwater. A reduction in the quantity of water from percolation of septic effluent will result from the project, however, this effluent has been proven to be a source of nitrate contamination of the existing aquifer. Furthermore, trees and their root systems rely on water from a soil reservoir located within the upper two feet of soil. Hence the trees are reliant on natural precipitation for water needs rather than on subsurface leach fields or septic systems.

#### **LETTER NO. 10 – ELISABETH POWELL**

Comment #1: The tentative project schedule is misleading as to the start and stop dates of sewer construction in the various sewer districts.

Response: The tentative project schedule outlined in Table 2 is a “best guess” schedule and should not be interpreted as a final project schedule. Various factors could change the schedule including factors related to funding availability and seasonal construction constraints of the sewer collection system. Construction overlap has been incorporated into the tentative schedule to take advantage of seasonal construction constraints and other factors.

Comment #2: When will a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration be prepared? Will further opportunity be provided to comment on the IS/MND before a final decision is made?

Response: There is no requirement under CEQA to prepare a “Final” IS/MND for the project. The City Council considered the Draft IS/MND and all written and oral comments on same before adopting a resolution approving the document. However, as part of the review and submittal requirements for the State Water Resources Control Board, written responses will be provided to written comments received on the IS/MND during the public review period. The public review period was extended by City Council beyond the original 30 days (May 16, 2003 through June 16, 2003) through July 7, 2003.

Comment #3: Construction in Sewer District 2 has created unhealthful dust conditions for residents. Construction crews must provide water spraying to allay the dust.

Response: Watering construction areas to control fugitive dust is a standard construction measure being implemented by construction crews in Sewer District 2. Said crews shall be reminded of this requirement.

Comment #4: Mitigation Measure #Va-1 only requires part-time monitoring by a qualified archeologist. Full time monitoring should be provided.

Response: Mitigation Measure #Va-1 requires full time archeological monitoring along the Foothill Boulevard right-of-way and part time monitoring in other areas. This is because cultural resources are more likely to be uncovered along Foothill Boulevard than in other areas of the City.

#### **LETTER NO. 11 – GEORGE HEAD**

Comment #1: All homes in District 5 should have an equal option and equal access to sewer connection points and no existing home should be forced to connect to the sewer system.

Response: All homes in District 5 will be provided with access to the sanitary sewer lines. Homeowners have up to five (5) years to connect to the sanitary sewer system. Connection is, however, required when the property is sold.

## Letter No. 12 – James Short

Comment #1: The sewer project requires a full EIR.

Response: A Draft Mitigated Negative is the appropriate environmental document for this project since most, if not all, impacts are construction-related and are either insignificant or are mitigated to levels of insignificance through appropriate measures. Staff is also of the opinion that the project will have a significant *beneficial* impact by removing existing septic systems and replacing them with a sanitary sewer collection system. The project would result in a reduction of health violations related to septic system failures. In addition, the potential for contamination of existing groundwater would be reduced as a result of the project.

Comment #2: Procedural requirements were not observed regarding the noticing and distribution of the Draft IS/MND.

The Draft Environmental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated to the State Clearinghouse and the State Water Resources Control board for distribution to affected and responsible State and Federal agencies and to other interested and/or affected parties. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Crescenta Valley Water District, the City of Glendale, the City of Pasadena, the Foothill Municipal Water District, and the La Cañada Irrigation District for their review and comment. A Notice of Availability for Public Review was published in the La Cañada Valley Sun on May 15, 2003 and a Notice of Intent to File a Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in the La Cañada Valley Sun on June 5, 2003. The original public review and comment period was from May 16, 2003 through June 16, 2003. At the request of members of the public, the public review period was extended by the City through July 7, 2003.

Comment #3: Information was not provided in accordance with the California Public Records Act.

Response: Information that was available was provided in a timely manner as requested.

Comment #4: The City of La Cañada-Flintridge should not be acting as the Lead Agency for the project.

Response: The City of La Cañada-Flintridge is the logical choice as Lead Agency since they are responsible for project financing, design, and construction. Also, this is a local sewer collection system which, therefore, makes it a local project. Sewer trunk line projects would be under the jurisdiction of the County Sanitation District, which assumed Lead Agency role for the Foothill/Main Sewer project.

Comment # 5: The document doesn't discuss the formation of smaller sewer districts.

Response: Alternatives to the proposed project are discussed, including: (a) No Project (No Action) Alternative – retaining existing sewage disposal systems “in place” in the project area which consists of individual septic systems; (b) Cluster Septic System Alternative – a system consisting of the construction of larger capacity septic systems to serve several homes at the same time; and (c) Area 3A Connection to Foothill Trunk Main – a system consisting of the conveyance of effluent from the local collection system for Area 3A to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's Foothill Trunk Main instead of the Crescenta Valley Water District system. These alternatives were considered the most feasible to implement from a cost and operational standpoint, however, they were rejected either because they did not fulfill the objectives of the project or created greater environmental impacts than the proposed project.

Comment #6: The document doesn't adequately deal with local construction-related issues.

Response: The Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration addresses primarily impacts resulting from project construction activity, including the potential for various impacts that could degrade the environment. Typical impacts related to construction activities include earth disturbance, erosion, water quality degradation, air pollutant emissions, and noise. In the case of the proposed project, the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration has determined that all such potential impacts are minor and can be satisfactorily controlled through the implementation of standard mitigation measures and construction practices. In addition, there is no aspect of the project which would reduce or degrade fish or wildlife habitat, threaten any plant or animal community, affect any sensitive plant or animal species, or eliminate any examples of California history or pre-history.

Since most, if not all, potential impacts related to the proposed project are a result of construction activity, they will be temporary in nature and will cease when construction is complete. As a result, the individual effects of the project do not have the potential to be cumulatively significant, assuming no other major construction projects occur in the immediate vicinity at the same time. The project's only identified potentially adverse effects on human beings are noise and air pollution (e.g., dust, fumes) generated by construction activities. These were not considered significant impacts.

Comment #7: The document doesn't adequately analyze alternatives.

Response: See response to Comment No. 5.

Comment #8: The document doesn't directly address capacity issues and misrepresents the number of homes served by the sewer system in Districts 1 and 2.

Response: System flows and loadings are addressed on Page 11 of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Several capacity, connection, and service issues have yet to be resolved for the project, however, these issues are operational in nature and are not connected to any foreseeable environmental issues or impacts. Not all of the homes in District 1 are connected to the local sewer collection system. Homeowners were given the option of connecting or not connecting to the system. No homes in District 2 are connected since that system is currently under construction. The number of homes indicated being served by the various sewer districts in the IS/MND indicates all homes within the respective districts since system capacity was designed to accommodate the maximum number of homes that could connect in each district if they chose to.

Comment #9: The document exaggerates the possibility of contamination of water lines.

Response: While there is no documented evidence that the local water supply has been contaminated as a result of leaking septic systems, there is the potential for such contamination to occur, especially as existing septic systems and water lines "age in place."

Comment # 10: Page 34 mistakenly says a majority of Area 5 will be serviced and maintained by the Crescenta Valley Water District.

Response: The information on Page 34 has been revised to indicate that only a *portion* of Area 5 will be serviced by the Crescenta Valley Water District. Said service would be subject to approval of an agreement between the Crescenta Valley Water District and the City of La Cañada-Flintridge.

#### **Letter No. 13 – James Short**

Comment #1: The City has ignored requests for information regarding the documentation on file related to the IS/MND, including City Council Agenda packet material.

Response: Information that was available was provided in a timely manner as requested.

**Letter No. 14 – Fred Ackers**

Comment #1: There is no evaluation of the operational characteristics and noise from proposed lift stations and sewage pumps.

Response: Sewer lift stations and pumps are contained within enclosures that are sound dampened with acoustical materials. Existing installations are barely audible.

Comment #2: The Foothill Main sewer line is described as having insufficient capacity to accommodate flows from Districts 4 and 5.

Response: System flows and loadings are addressed on Page 11 of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Several capacity, connection, and service issues have yet to be resolved for the project, however, these issues are operational in nature and are not connected to any foreseeable environmental issues or impacts.

Comment #3: There is no evaluation of possible failure modes of the sewer system and effects on the environment. How would earthquakes and other natural or man-made events affect the system?

Response: System-wide failures are rare. Most failures are the result of systems which are aged and which have been either poorly maintained or inadequately repaired over time. Responsibility for maintenance will be undertaken by the County Sanitation District which has a proven track record in adequately maintaining facilities of this kind.

Comment #4: There is no evaluation of the expected lifetime of the sewer system.

Response: Sewer systems can last in perpetuity with proper maintenance and repair. See response to Comment #3.



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Mr. Steve Castellanos, Director of Public Works  
City of La Cañada Flintridge  
1327 Foothill Blvd.  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011-2137

Dear Mr. Castellanos:

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE (CITY) "LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM: AREAS 3, 4, AND 5" PROJECT - STATE CLEARINGHOUSE (SCH) #2003051073 - STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN NUMBERS C-06-4252-510/-610/-710.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above environmental document. I understand that the City has applied for an SRF loan from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Financial Assistance (Division) for the above project. Although the Division has assigned each Area of the above project a different project number, all three Areas are considered environmentally in the IS/MND as a single project. I have reviewed your IS/MND and would like to inform you about several federal and SRF loan program requirements that are relevant to your application for funding and provide comments to your IS/MND.

### SRF Federal Loan Program Requirements and Project Specific Comments

1. Since SRF loans are partially funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Division is required to consult directly with federal agencies responsible for implementing environmental laws. You have provided us with eight copies of the IS/MND, which I will distribute to the federal agencies for comment. Federal agencies have 30 calendar days to review your environmental document plus six days mailing time. I will send you copies of any comments that are received during the review period. Any environmental issues raised by federal agencies must be resolved prior to approval of an SRF loan by the SWRCB.
2. SRF projects are also subject to provisions of the Federal Endangered Species Act, and must obtain Section 7 clearance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) prior to a loan commitment. I will forward your IS/MND to the USFWS for review and comment. Any issues raised regarding the possibility of adversely affecting federally listed species will need to be resolved before SRF funding can be approved.
3. SRF loan applicants must comply with federal laws pertaining to cultural resources, specifically Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For SRF projects, please contact our Cultural Resources Officer (CRO), Ms. Cookie Hirn, at

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(916) 341-5690 to initiate the Section 106 process. She will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on your behalf at several points in the process. She will also work with your Agency and the SHPO to establish your project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), and determine whether any cultural resources are present within the APE.

After the APE is established, the City will need to provide documentation on the following:

- Background research for cultural resources, including a records search with the California Historical Resources Information System;
- Consultation with interested Native Americans, local historical societies, and any other interested parties;
- A field survey by a qualified archaeologist and, if appropriate, historical specialist; and
- An inventory of all cultural resources in the project's APE.

Additional submittals may be required to document resource significance and/or project effects. After submittal, Ms. Hirn will review the documents for Section 106 compliance and forward them to the SHPO. The SHPO has a minimum 30-day review period to comment or to concur that the process is complete. Please contact Ms. Hirn with any questions you may have regarding the Section 106 process.

4. The Division is required to address the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) general conformity requirements for SRF projects. A CAA general conformity analysis applies to projects in a non-attainment area or in an attainment area subject to a maintenance plan and is required for each criteria pollutant for which an area has been designated as non-attainment or maintenance. The project area is located in the South Coast Air Basin and within the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The entire South Coast Air Basin is an extreme non-attainment area for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and is a serious non-attainment area for both Particulate Matter (PM-10) and Carbon Monoxide (CO).

According to the IS/MND, air quality impacts would only be short-term, construction related, and they are unlikely to increase the frequency and severity of existing air quality violations due to project compliance with applicable SCAQMD rules and regulations. The project also conforms to the State Implementation Plan. Therefore, a conformity determination under the CAA is not required.

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I appreciate your efforts to prepare a document that follows environmental guidelines and meets requirements for the SRF loan program. If you have any questions regarding the environmental review of this project, please contact me at (916) 327-9117.

Sincerely,



Mr. William E. Foster, Environmental Scientist  
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Interim Director

June 16, 2003



Steve Castellanos  
City of La Canada Flintridge  
1327 Foothill Boulevard  
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011-2137

Subject: La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System - Area 3A, 3B, 4, 5  
SCH#: 2003051073

Dear Steve Castellanos:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on June 13, 2003, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

*Terry Roberts*  
Terry Roberts  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures  
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May 30, 2003

Mr. Steve Castellanos  
Director of Public Works  
City of La Canada Flintridge  
1327 Foothill Boulevard  
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011



Dear Mr. Castellanos:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project consists of the financing and construction of a sewer collection system in the City of La Canada Flintridge.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful of your need to discharge clean run-off water. An Encroachment Permit from the Department of Transportation (Department) may be needed for this project. Any encroachment into, on or over State right-of-way needs a Department Encroachment Permit. Please prepare and submit engineering plans including drainage plans, for our review so we can determine whether an encroachment exists.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. In addition, a truck/traffic construction management plan is needed for this project. Thank you for the opportunity to have reviewed this project.

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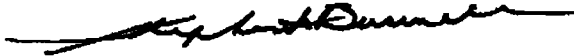
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-4429 or Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 030545AL.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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June 9, 2003

Mr. Steve Castellanos  
City of La Canada Flintridge  
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Dear Mr. Castellanos:

**Mitigated Negative Declaration for  
La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System  
SCH# 2003051073, Los Angeles County**

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Initial Study (IS) and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DND) for the above referenced proposed project relative to impacts to biological resources. The project site consists of the financing and construction of a sewer collection system in the City of La Canada Flintridge.

The following statements and comments have been prepared pursuant to the Department's authority as Trustee Agency with jurisdiction over natural resources affected by the project (CEQA Section 15386) and pursuant to our authority as a Responsible Agency under CEQA Section 15381 over those aspects of the proposed project that come under the purview of the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code Section 2050 et seq.) and Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et seq.:

**Impacts to Biological Resources**

1. **Native Nesting Birds** - Project impacts on nesting native birds should be evaluated. The proposed project excavation and construction activities may result in noise and removal and/or disturbance of vegetation, ground substrates, and manmade structures such as bridges, and therefore has the potential to directly impact nesting native bird species.
  - a. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (50 C.F.R. Section 10.13). Sections 3503, 3503.5 and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA).

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b. Proposed project activities (including disturbances to native and non-native vegetation and man-made nesting substrates) should take place outside of the breeding bird season which generally runs from March 1- August 31 (as early as February 1 for raptors) to avoid take (including disturbances which would cause abandonment of active nests containing eggs and/or young). Take means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill (Fish and Game Code Section 86).

c. If the project activities cannot feasibly avoid the breeding bird season, the Department recommends the Operator have a qualified biologist survey all potential nesting habitat within the project site for nesting birds. Surveys should begin no later than June 1. Surveys should be conducted every 7 days for 6 weeks until July 1. Documentation of findings, including a negative finding should be recorded for compliance purposes. If no nesting birds are observed site preparation and construction activities may begin. If an active bird nest is located the nest site should be fenced a minimum of 200 feet (500 feet for raptors) in all directions, and this area should not be disturbed until the nest becomes inactive.

1. Impacts to Bats – Project work on or near bridge structures may result in take and/or disturbances to bats which may reside within the bridge structures.

a. Bats are considered non-game mammals and are afforded protection by State law from take and/or harassment, (Fish and Game Code Section 4150, California Code of Regulations, Section 251.1). Several bat species are also considered California Species of Special Concern (CSC) and meet the CEQA definition of rare, threatened or endangered species (CEQA Guidelines 15065). Take of CSC could require a mandatory finding of significance by the Lead Agency, (CEQA Guidelines 15065).

b. The Department recommends avoiding disturbances to bridge structures between March 1 and September 15 to avoid the breeding season for bats unless preconstruction surveys are conducted by a qualified biologist and no bat roosts or nurseries are found within the project area.

**Impacts to Riparian Resources**

1. Impacts to Drainages - Photos within the IS show several bridges and imply that work will occur on or near these structures. At least one bridge is shown to cross over a drainage which is considered within Department jurisdiction.

a. The Department requires a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA), pursuant to Section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code, with the applicant prior to any direct or indirect impact (including preliminary geotechnical activities) of a lake or

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streambed, bank or channel or associated riparian resources. The Department's issuance of a SAA is considered a project that is subject to CEQA. To facilitate our issuance of the Agreement, the Department as a responsible agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (lead agency) document for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department under CEQA the document should fully identify the potential impacts to any lake, stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the Agreement. Early consultation is recommended, since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources. Please contact Ms. Betty Courtney, Environmental Scientist III, at (661) 263-8306 to discuss this further.

In conclusion, the Department recommends that the above concerns are addressed prior to lead agency approval of the proposed project. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Questions regarding this letter and further coordination on these issues should be directed to Mr. Scott Harris, Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (818) 360-8140.

Sincerely,



C. F. Raysbrook  
Regional Manager

cc: Ms. Morgan Wehtje, Camarillo  
Mr. Scott Harris, Mission Hills  
Ms. Betty Courtney, Newhall  
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June 6, 2003

Steve Castellanos  
Director of Public Works  
City of La Canada Flintridge  
1327 Foothill Boulevard  
La Canada Flintridge, California 91011

Dear Mr. Castellanos:

**La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System – Area 3.4. and 5**

This is in response to your letter dated May 15, 2003, transmitting a copy of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project.

The City of Pasadena has the following comments about the study and concerns regarding the proposed project.

The proposed flow rates into the City of Pasadena's Oak Grove Drive sewer are not shown in the report. From the third paragraph on page 11 of the report, it can be deduced that the proposed peak flows will be in excess of 4.92 cubic feet per second not including flows from JPL. Peak flows from JPL are estimated by this office to be between 0.59 and 0.89 cubic feet per second. So the total proposed flow into Pasadena's system at Oak Grove Drive and Foothill Boulevard would be estimated in excess of 5.81 cubic feet per second (4.92 plus 0.89.)

The capacity of the existing 10-inch diameter sewer line in Oak Grove Drive at Foothill Boulevard is 2.2 cubic feet per second; the proposed flows into this line will far exceed this amount, resulting in sewage overflows.

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In general, the Linda Vista Avenue / Arroyo Boulevard trunk sewer cannot accommodate the proposed flows. The flow in the line at the south city limit of Pasadena is estimated to be in excess of 12.66 cubic feet per second, consisting of the flow in excess of 5.81 cubic feet per second (from above), flow from La Canada Flintridge High School, estimated to be 0.11 cubic feet per second peak flow, and flows from portions of the City of Pasadena, estimated from a study prepared in 1986 to be 6.74 cubic feet per second. The capacity of this line near the south city limit is about 11 cubic feet per second.

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Reimbursement Agreement Amendment No. 13,765-1, between the City of Pasadena and the City of La Canada Flintridge, gives the City of La Canada Flintridge capacity rights of 3.43 cubic feet per second peak flow to the Oak Grove Drive / Linda Vista Avenue / Arroyo Boulevard sewer. The proposed flows will exceed this contractual restriction.

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Paragraph 4 on page 11 states that "The City of Pasadena will relinquish the Oak Grove/Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Sewer line to the LACSD after an improvement project to the line has been completed." The City of Pasadena has a relinquishment agreement in place with the LACSD that covers only the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Sewer line. There is no relinquishment agreement in place for the Oak Grove Drive sewer. It is misleading to include the Oak Grove sewer line in that statement in the report.

Sincerely,

  
DANIEL A. RIX  
City Engineer

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June 16, 2003

Mr. Steve Castellanos  
Director of Public Works  
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Subject: City of La Canada Flintridge – Crescenta Valley Water District's comments on La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System – Arcas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5, Draft Initial Study, Environmental Checklist, and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. Castellanos:

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) has reviewed the subject document dated May 2003 with respect to the new sewer system. We have the following comments:

Page 11, Paragraph 4, states that Area 3A and small portion of Area 4 will be connected to the CVWD system and a sewer study is being performed.

*We agree that a study is being performed and that LC/F will upsize the system, but we have not seen the results of the study. In addition, there has been no formal agreement between LC/F and CVWD to take the additional flow.*

On Page 31, under the discussion for Land Use, part IX(b), it states the sewer system will tie into the Crescenta Valley Sanitation (Water) District sewer facilities. However, the Sanitation Districts and local governmental agencies will no direct involvement in the operation or maintenance of the local sewer collection system.

*This is in conflict with the comments on page 34. There is no formal agreement between LC/F and CVWD on the billing, collection, maintenance, and operations of the sewer system.*

On Page 34, under the discussion for Public Services, part XIII(e), The sewer collection system in Area 3A will be maintained by the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) as well as for portions of Area 4.

*This statement contradicts the statement on Page 31. Again, this issue has not been resolved and there is no formal agreement between LC/F and CVWD on the billing, collection, maintenance, and operations of the sewer system.*

In addition within the same paragraph, it states that a majority of Area 5 will be serviced and maintained by CVWD as well as additional service .....

*This statement is incorrect. CVWD will not serve a portion of Area 5.*

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (818) 248-3925.

Very truly yours,

CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

David S. Gould P.E.  
District Engineer

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**Steve Castellanos**

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**From:** Rita LeBlanc  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2003 11:37 AM  
**To:** Steve Castellanos  
**Subject:** FW: Sewer construction!

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**From:** Jobell@aol.com [mailto:Jobell@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2003 11:35 AM  
**To:** Rita LeBlanc  
**Subject:** RE: Sewer construction!

Dear Sirs:

As a long time citizen of La Canada-Flintridge, I wish to express my concerns about the adverse effects on our environment caused by the flood of sewage which will be coming from this city. I believe there may be a horribly negative impact on our oceans, our beaches, landfill, and water reserves, caused by the disposal of sewage generated here. We need a full Environmental Impact Report plus public hearings before proceeding with more sewer construction. We have not seen a full Environmental Impact Report and without one there is no way to determine the amount of damage that could be inflicted on our fragile environment by improper or faulty disposal of additional sewage. Please be willing to take the time to study these important issues completely, and to hold more public hearings, before continuing with the sewer construction. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Barbara Bell

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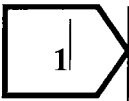
**Steve Castellanos**

To: Jobell@aol.com

Subject: Sewer Construction - Environmental Documents

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the installation of sewers in La Canada Flintridge. I have provided your comments to the consultant who is working with the City in processing the environmental documents, and your comments will be incorporated into the record. The matter will be discussed during the City Council meeting tonight, here at City Hall. Thank you.

Steve Castellanos  
Director of Public Works  
City of La Canada Flintridge  
818-790-8852



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LETTER TO THE  
EDITOR

June 16, 2003  
City Council  
Public Comments

TREES AT RISK?

I am dubious about the <sup>Suggested</sup> Camouflage,  
on behalf of the City, on the issue of "Trees".

It remains to be seen whether or not  
our fabled trees and vegetation (our legacy)  
in La Canada Flintridge will remain as  
beautiful, as lush, as verdant as the result  
of such a SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF  
GROUND WATER - when sewers are completed.  
This has been addressed repeatedly, in the  
past, and cannot remain a hidden consequence  
of all the (current) actions and rough and  
tumble, disruptive, activity we are seeing  
in Dist. # 2. We daily witness (are a  
part of.) the TEAR-UPS, grinding, ripping,  
clatter / NOISE, disruption and inconvenience  
of torn up streets, dust, dirt and debris.

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Traffic delays and, in general, the stress-  
full construction nightmare of the pipes  
going in (Summer is yet to come). There  
is no doubt that natural ground water  
will be syphoned off and whisked away,  
else where, towards processing facilities  
— and the sea.

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NO ONE CAN OR HAS TOLD US  
WHAT THE % OF GROUND WATER LOSS  
WILL BE ---

Can we honestly be called "Tree City"  
— in our future? Won't there have to  
be a large sacrifice in our enviable,  
incomparable aesthetic environment?  
Isn't Descanso Gardens, in part, emblematic  
as an environmental icon of beauty  
in Southern California? Doesn't it set  
an example and serve as a symbol for this

Community? None-the-less — all  
of this, <sup>has</sup> seemingly, fallen on deaf  
ears as we head pell mell (rush)  
down the road to completion.

Well servers, perhaps, turn  
out to be our biggest regret and,  
in the end, our achilles heel —  
when it comes to the trees?

Gould Allison



Letter No. 10 – Elisabeth Powell  
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DATE: 16 June 2003

CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
2003 JUN 16 PM 4:11

TO: City of La Canada Flintridge

RE: LCF Sewer Collection System—Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5  
Draft Initial Study, Environmental Checklist, and Mitigated  
Negative Declaration

Comments and Questions

FROM: Elisabeth Powell

A full Environmental Impact Report—to replace the Draft Initial Study—  
should be prepared for us concerned residents of La Canada Flintridge.

1 Page 8—Tentative Project Schedule. Will Sewer District 2 be completed by  
April 2005? Is January 2005 the firm beginning date for Sewer District 4,  
even before the completion of Sewer District 2 and right square in the  
middle of work on Sewer Districts 3A and 3B?

2 Page 13—Review Process. When will the Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration  
be prepared? Will the LCF Sewer Collection System process be locked  
firmly in place with the vote of the LCF City Council on Monday, June 16,  
or can public comment on the Final Initial Study—scheduled for a later  
date—change this process?

3 Page 20—Air Quality. Residents in Sewer District 2 have suffered for days and  
weeks from the generation of much dust during project construction. Dust  
enters homes, damages property, and is deleterious to the health of  
residents. It causes breathing difficulties and worsens asthma.

The project construction crew must provide water spraying service to  
allay the dust.

~~Page 42—Mitigation Measure Va-1. The Qualified Archeologist should be provided for  
full-time—not part-time—monitoring at all times.~~

4 Page 42—Mitigation Measure Va-1. The Qualified Archeologist should be provided for  
full-time—not part-time—monitoring at all times.

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To:  
Steve Castellanos  
La Canada Public Works

Fax 818-790-8897

From:  
George & Susan Head  
102 Inverness  
La Canada, Ca  
90111

Date: 6-16-03

Reference:  
Study of Mitigated Negative Impact for LCF Sewer System

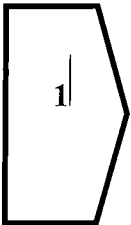
I have contacted Mr. Kwan in your office, and Mr. Ken Taylor to better understand the proposed future system details. They were both very helpful, and it certainly seems that the proposed new line would be near my home, per attached. To insure that this remains the plan in future planning, please note my request below.

Per the public notice of 5-15-03, my comment, suggestions, request on the plan as follows:

1. All homes in District 5 should have the equal option and equal access to connect to the point of connection for the future sewer line.
2. The proposed layout near 102 Inverness is per attached.
3. No existing home should be forced to connect to sewer system.

Thanks

*George Head*



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Comments on and Objections to May 2003 Draft Initial Study,  
Environmental Checklist and Mitigated Negative Declaration  
regarding LaCanadaFlintridge Sewer Collection System Areas 3A,  
3B, 4 and 5 ("DISECMND") State Clearinghouse No. 2003051073

From: James Short 1224 Journeys End LCF CA 91011 June 16, 2003

I again respectfully challenge and object to the DISECMND and the manner in which sewer matters in LaCanadaFlintridge ("LCF") have been and are being handled by the City of LaCanadaFlintridge (the "City" which includes its officials, employees, agents, contractors, attorneys and other representatives).

1 The DISECMND and the City's handling of sewer matters are procedurally and substantively deficient, violate the constitutional rights of me and other residents, e.g., due process and equal protection, and may well be otherwise illegal.

Procedurally and substantively, the sewer project requires a full scale Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") with greater thoroughness and greater protection for the environment and persons affected. I respectfully demand such an EIR.

Procedurally, by way of example and not limitation, the DISECMND

1. was not timely, if at all, distributed to all required agencies and interested parties, whether "local" (see p.13) or geographically further removed, e.g., communities near the ocean and other counties where LCF's sewage is proposed to be dumped.

2. was not sufficiently noticed, e.g., size of notice, number of publications and geographical coverage; failure even to mention the notice or the DISECMND (let alone publish the complete documents) on the City's website despite my request to do so.

3. was not made available in accurate and complete form, e.g., copies eventually provided me and others by the City lacked foldable full-page, 17" wide maps of proposed Areas but instead had incomplete 11" photocopies of the folded-close 17" maps (e.g., pp. 7, 10); and were solely in black and white, lacking the color needed to understand color-coded legends and other colored maps and graphics as well almost indecipherable B&W photocopies of colored photographs of various parts of LCF, for which the preparers of the DISECMND apparently thought color was necessary to appreciate their relevance.

3 Also, the DISECMND and the notice of the supposed availability of it and "all relevant documents" (not made available to me) indicate that the public hearing would be held some date after June 16, 2003, yet the City has set the hearing as agenda item 19

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at a lengthy City Council meeting now scheduled to begin 7pm June 16 after a 6pm farewell party for the departing city manager. The City originally set the time for 6pm but then pushed it back to late at night ostensibly to accommodate the farewell party but with the effect of making it more difficult to attend the so-called "public hearing".

The City also did not live up to its representation made August 2002 to keep me "in the loop" regarding these documents as further explained in my May 23 fax to the City, my statements at the June 2, 2003 City Council meeting and my letter published in the June 12, 2003 Valley Sun, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Equally important, the City and Sanitation District No. 28 (which is geographically virtually identical to LCF and whose five directors are the same five LCF City Council members) ("SD 28") have refused to respond as required by law to my repeated requests under the California Public Records Act ("PRA"), including my May 30, 2003 PRA requests for records necessary to make full and meaningful comments on the DISECMND. I am also awaiting initial or further responses from other government entities with whom I filed similar PRA requests.

In view of the above and other circumstances, such as the City's repeated ignoring of my other PRA requests regarding sewers, etc. the City's refusal to grant my request for brief extensions of time for written comment and public hearing on the DISECMND is an abuse of discretion and a violation of my rights.

By the way, whether procedural or substantive, the City should not be the lead agency on the DISECMND or the sewer project. Why did not Sanitation District No. 28 handle sewers or "sanitary" sewers as proponents like to call them?

Were they afraid of the conflict of interest which arises, particularly since the five SD No. 28 members are proposing to raise their monthly compensation to a maximum \$750 each (see June 5, 2003 Valley Sun, p.14) in addition to the \$300 a month salary (not counting substantial re-imbursement of expenses) each SD No. 28 director receives as a member of the LCL City Council?

Was the City or SD 28 afraid that SD 28 might have to have a district-wide, i. e., City-wide vote, on sewers instead of the City's "divide and conquer" strategy to which I object.

Since the City refused to have a single City-wide sewer district (SD No. 28 has long existed) with a single City-wide formal assessment vote and apparently refuses to have a single formal assessment vote for the remaining unsewered parts of LCF, i.e.,

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Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5 which is the vast majority of LFC, I repeat my request made long ago that sewers districts be formed which would include only those residents and properties which would like to hook up to sewers.

Such smaller, tailored sewer districts are both legally and technologically feasible. Sewers can be constructed and conditions drawn up whereby residents who wanted in the future to hook up can but would have to pay a premium to do so.

Sewers are not like public roads which I help pay to maintain because I can drive on them at will. I certainly am not entitled to enter any LCF residence I chose and at any time I chose to use it and others would be willing to help drawn up such tailored and more fairly funded districts. For this purpose, I several times asked for a specific breakdown of the names, addresses, parcel numbers and how each voted in the informal surveys done in Areas 2, 3A and 3B as well as in the formal assessment vote in Area 2. The City has stiffed or simply ignored me, despite these clearly being public records accessible under the CPRA.

I maintain that a full Environmental Impact Report is required and demand same. The DISECMND does not adequately deal with issues related to (by way of example and not limitation) the effects of LCF sewerage on beach closures, ocean pollution, sewage solids transported to pollute Kern County, diminution of our underground basin of drinkable water and lessening of water for vegetation in our "Tree City", all of which will be made worse by the City's plan to sewer the entire city, not to mention backup of your neighbors' sewage into your house and the sewer's facilitation of higher-density and hillside development.

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The DISECMND does not adequately deal with local issues related to (by way of example and not limitation) such as the dust, the mud and debris runoffs, safety hazards, traffic delays with increased air pollution, bumpy roads, closing of streets, rupture of public and private water and septic systems, despoilation of cultural and historic resources and our traditional ways of living, spillage of sewage on public and private property, and the aural and visual pollution (including large, permanent structures required for certain lift stations or pumps per p.5 of the DISECMND) caused by sewer construction.

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The DISECMND does not adequately deal with local issues related to (by way of example and not limitation) the availability and merits of sanitary systems other than septic systems or sewers (including on-site alternate systems which are currently installed at some LCF residences) nor with the costs and

comparisons of various systems and their effect on the populace and the environment.

With regard to the DISECMND and the June 16, 2003 staff report regarding agenda item #19 for the June 16 City Council meeting, I challenge, question and call into issue:

- (1) all conclusions that assert or suggest that sewerage of LCF will not have any significant environment impact or effect or potentially significant impact or effect or that mitigation measures will be sufficient. The City's track record belies this.
- (2) all statements therein which allegedly support such conclusions.
- (3) the omission therefrom of information which would undermine or tend to dispute such conclusions.
- (4) reports which are so old that they require updating.

By way of example and not limitation I refer to the following:

8 | p.1 far fewer than 2,218 units are currently being served by a sewage system provided in Areas 1 and 2; not everyone in Area 1 has hooked up and, to my knowledge, no one in Area 2 which is not even halfbuilt, let alone functioning. (see also p.3 mistatements re Areas being serviced).

9 | p.2 exaggerates the possibility of contamination of water lines by septic systems and and fails to discuss destruction or contamination of water lines by sewers or sewer construction (already the limited sewer construction in Area 2 has ruptured at least one large water main and someone's private septic system and someone else's home water line and someone else's gas line - the City will not honor my PRA for records about same). See also p.35.

10 | p.11 inadequate, speculative and misleading explanation of the present system's inability to handle all of the outflow of sewage if everyone in Areas 1 and 2 hooks up as the City requires, let alone the inability to handle outflow from other Areas, e.g. 3B, if sewers are constructed there, and the costs and timetables and environmental impacts of remedying this lack of capacity or the absence of any trunk line to handle the majority of Areas 4 and 5. By the way, in a very minimal and inadequate response to my PRA concerning this issue to the LA County Sanitation District which would supposed be heavily involved in this issue, I was informed that simply it could not vouch for the accuracy of the DISECMND. I have received no information from Sanitation District No. 28 to whom I sent a similar May 30, 2003 PRA.

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p.12 exaggerates the supposed contamination of ground water and falsely suggests that our local drinking water is unsafe.

p.12 fails to mention the relaxation of local septic system regulations which the City unconstitutionally tried to limit to only those homeowners who agreed to vote in favor of sewers.

p.34 mistakenly says the majority of Area 5 will be serviced and maintained by the Crescenta Valley Water District.

There are many other statements for which I have not been provided sufficient information or time to determine their accuracy and which I therefore challenge and call into issue. I am not the only one. As previously stated, a representative of the LA County Sanitation into which the majority of LCF's sewage would flow informed me that as of June 9, 2003 he could not vouch for the accuracy of the DISECMND.

One could go on and on if one were provided the time and the information to do so. Clearly, the DISECMND is inadequate and cannot be relied on.

As they pertain to sewerage LCF or any part thereof, I incorporate herein by reference all written communications between the City and me, all statements made or documents (in its broadest sense to include photos, Power Point presentations, etc.) presented at City Council meetings or other public meetings sponsored or participated in by the City, all my PRAs to the City or other government agencies mentioned in the DISECMND and all responses thereto and records made available thereunder, the DISECMND, all notices relating thereto and all documents referenced therein.

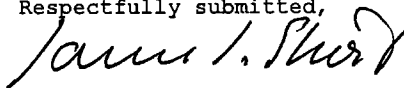
I hereby reserve the right to present to the City, the courts and any other governmental agency further written and oral comment on all issues raised herein or in the materials referenced in the preceding paragraph. I specially do not waive or relinquish any such right.

Although these comments and objections are primarily mine, some of them also represent the views conveyed to me by other LCF residents unable to attend the hearing or submit written comments.

James Short  
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If I am unable to attend tonight's hearing, I ask that at the hearing you please read these comments orally and publicly or at least mention that I have submitted comments which I requested be read orally. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



James J. Short  
818-790-2379

1224 Journeys End  
La Canada, CA 91011

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Fax to: City of LaCanada Flintridge Custodian of Records 7/07/03  
1327 Foothill Blvd., La Canada CA 91011 818-790-7536 (lofi)  
→ Copy also faxed to Steve Castellanos, LCF 818-790-8897 ~~NO ANSWER~~  
SENT COPY TO 790-7536

Please add the following to my previous comments (oral and written) regarding the May 2003 Draft Impact Statement, Environmental Checklist and Mitigated Negative Declaration for sewer areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5 up for public hearing late this evening before the City Council.

The City and Sanitation District 28 have largely ignored my several outstanding Public Records Act requests, especially my requests of May 30 and June 20, 2003. Only after 4pm today, July 7, was I made aware of and given access to some comments and selected correspondence relating to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, etc. These were mostly part of the agenda package for item 18 for tonight's Council meeting. When I inquired of the City on July 3 whether and how the July 7 agenda item 18 package differed from the June 16 agenda item package on the same subject, I was informed that in essence the packages did not much differ. Yet when I inspected the agenda item 18 package this afternoon I found many additional pages of comments and correspondence, some of which the City had received at the beginning of June and which were called for by my unanswered requests of May 30 and June 20, 2003.

Therefore, I reserve the right to raise in any forum any issue which could have been raised if the City and the Sanitation District and other non-responders to my Public Records Act requests had timely and properly responded, the latter action I again demand. Thank you.

1224 Journeys End  
La Canada CA 91011  
818-790-2379

*James J. Short*  
James J. Short

Letter No. 14 – Fred Ackers  
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TO: LCF City Manager and City Council  
FROM: Fred Akers  
4862 La Canada Blvd., LCF, 790-3552  
SUBJECT: Objections to the referenced document  
DATE: July 7, 2003

REFERENCED DOCUMENT:  
LCF Sewer Collection System - Areas 3A, 3B, 4 and 5  
Draft Initial Study, Environmental Checklist, and Mitigated Negative Declaration  
State Clearinghouse No. 2003051073  
Prepared by Willdan Associates  
Dated May 2003

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1. The referenced document contains no evaluation of the operational characteristics of the proposed lift stations and sewage pumps, the sounds and noises which they might create, and what if any disturbance they might cause in the local neighborhoods.

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2. The Foothill Blvd. main sewer line is described as having insufficient capacity to accommodate the sewage flow from proposed areas 4 and 5, and there is no description of what would be done with the sewage flow from these areas.

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3. The document assumes that the proposed sewer system would work as intended with no failures or malfunctions. There is no evaluation of possible failure modes, their likelihood, their possible effects on health and environment, and their remedy. There is no evaluation of how the proposed sewer system could be effected by earthquakes and other natural or man-made events.

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4. There is no evaluation of the expected lifetime of the proposed sewer system and its components and the potential effects on the environment as it ages, such as by leakage.

*Fred Akers*

**DUPLICATE**

RECORDING REQUESTED BY  
AND MAIL TO:

City of La Canada Flintridge  
1327 Foothill Boulevard  
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011-2137

*Space Above This Line Reserved for Recorder's Use*

THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT FROM DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX  
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Assessor's Identification Number:  
5806-018-901 (Portion)

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TO SECTION 27383 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE

## EASEMENT

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT), does hereby grant to the CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as CITY), an easement for a sewer line and ingress and egress purposes in, on, over, under, and across the real property in the City of La Canada Flintridge, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Subject to all matters of record and to the following reservation and conditions which CITY, by the acceptance of this Easement and/or the exercise of any of the rights granted herein, agrees to keep and perform, viz:

1. DISTRICT reserves the paramount right to use said land for flood control purposes.
2. CITY agrees that it will not perform or arrange for the performance of any construction or reconstruction work in, on, over, under, and across the land herein-described until the plans and specifications for such construction or reconstruction work shall have first been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Such approval by DISTRICT shall not be interpreted or inferred as an endorsement or approval as to the design, accuracy, correctness, or authenticity of the information shown on the submitted plans and specifications. Furthermore, such approval cannot be relied upon for any other purpose or by any third party for any reason whatsoever. DISTRICT does not accept ownership or responsibility for the improvements.
3. CITY agrees that it shall indemnify and save harmless DISTRICT, its officers, agents, and/or employees from any and all liability, loss, or damage to which DISTRICT, its officers, agents, and employees may be subjected as the result of any act or omission by CITY, its officers, agents, or employees arising out of the exercise by CITY, its officers, agents, or employees of any of the rights granted to it by this instrument.

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4. It is expressly understood that DISTRICT will not be called upon to construct, repair, maintain, or reconstruct any structure or improvement to be erected or constructed pursuant to this Easement.
5. The provisions and agreements contained in this Easement shall be binding upon CITY, its successors, and assigns.

To the extent any lawful assessment be levied pertaining to the area to which this easement applies and to the extent that the assessment is based on the structures and improvements being constructed under the authority of this easement and provided further that the assessment be levied following CITY's exercise of these easement rights to construct such structures and improvements, CITY agrees to pay on behalf of DISTRICT that part of any such assessment levied against DISTRICT which is based on the value contributed to that area by CITY's said improvements.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,  
a body corporate and politic

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors of the  
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

(LACFCD-SEAL)

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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**NOTE: Acknowledgment form on reverse side.**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )

On January 6, 1987, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code that authorized the use of facsimile signatures of the Chair of the Board on all papers, documents, or instruments requiring the Chair's signature.

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, the facsimile signature of \_\_\_\_\_, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT was affixed hereto as the official execution of this document. The undersigned further certifies that on this date, a copy of the document was delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

In witness whereof, I have also hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

(LACFCD-SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.,  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

APPROVED as to title and execution,  
  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Mapping & Property Management Division  
  
Supervising Title Examiner  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**  
  
This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the deed or grant herein, dated \_\_\_\_\_, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, a body corporate and politic, to the City of La Canada Flintridge, a municipal corporation, is hereby accepted pursuant to authority conferred by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council of the City of La Canada Flintridge, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, and the Grantee consents to the recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.  
  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

**HALLS DEBRIS BASIN 12**

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### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

#### **Part A** (Grant of easement for sewer line):

That portion of that certain parcel of land in Lot 21 of Subdivisions of Rancho La Canada, as shown on map recorded in Book 4, page 351, of Miscellaneous Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, described as PARCEL NO. 1 in a Final Judgment of Condemnation, had in Superior Court Case No. 379852, a certified copy of which is recorded on March 5, 1936, in Book 14037, page 9, of Official Records, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, within a strip of land 10 feet wide, lying 5 feet on each side of the following described center line.

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of said Parcel No. 1, distant South 30° 48' 48" West 129.17 feet along said southeasterly line, from the northeasterly terminus thereof; thence North 49° 03' 49" West 9.23 feet to a line parallel with and 9.09 feet northwesterly, measured at right angles, from said southeasterly line; thence North 30° 48' 48" East along said parallel line, a distance of 92.77 feet; thence North 32° 32' 27" West 245.08 feet; thence North 48° 12' 32" East 65.32 feet to a point in the northeasterly line of said PARCEL NO. 1, said point also being in the westerly line of Lot 7, Tract No. 17216, as shown on map recorded in Book 413, pages 19 and 20, of Maps, in the office of said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, distant South 25° 48' 10" East 29.08 feet along said westerly line, from the most westerly corner of said Lot 7.

The side lines of the above-described 10-foot strip of land shall be prolonged or shortened at the angle points so as to terminate at their points of intersection and prolonged or shortened southeasterly so as to terminate in said southeasterly line and prolonged or shortened northeasterly so as to terminate in said northeasterly line.

Containing: 4,124± square feet.

#### **Part B** (Grant of easement for ingress and egress purposes):

That portion of the above mentioned Lot 21 within the above mentioned PARCEL NO. 1, lying southerly and southeasterly of the following described line:

Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of said PARCEL NO. 1 with a line parallel with and 13 feet northerly, measured at right angles, from the southerly line of said PARCEL NO. 1; thence North 89° 39' 06" East along said parallel line, a distance of 269.81 feet; thence North 76° 06' 02" East 59.56 feet to a line parallel with and 15 feet northwesterly, measured at right angles, from the southeasterly line of said PARCEL NO. 1; thence North 30° 48' 48" East along said last mentioned parallel line, a distance of 330.11 feet to a line parallel with and 5 feet southwesterly, measured at right angles, from that course having a bearing and length of North 49° 03' 49" West 9.23 feet in above described Part A; thence southeasterly along said last mentioned parallel line, a distance of 15.24 feet to above mentioned southeasterly line.

Containing: 9,781± sq. ft.

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**EXHIBIT A**